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Civil lawsuit filed against ND

Former student also seeks damages from ex-football players

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

The former Notre Dame student who accused four former Irish football players of sexual assault has filed a civil lawsuit against the players and the University, seeking an unspecified amount of damages for the incident that occurred two years ago.

The 22-year-old woman and her parents filed the suit without a lawyer and are listed as "Jane Doe" and "Mr. and Mrs. Doe" on court documents to protect their privacy.

The suit alleges that the woman suffered physical pain and post-traumatic stress, had to legally change her name and incurred medical bills and lost income due to the March

28, 2002 incident involving

Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith. The woman and her parents are seeking damages from the players for alleged emotional distress and income loss. The Observer was unable to contact the woman, her parents or the former football players.



Crawford



Dykes



Elam



Smith

The former players were expelled from the University in May 2002 and then-St. Joseph County Prosecutor Chris Toth filed criminal charges against the players. A jury convicted Elam of sexual battery and acquitted him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct August 30, 2003. Another

jury acquitted Dykes of rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery, prompting special prosecutor Maureen Devlin to drop the pending criminal lawsuits against Crawford and Smith.

The civil lawsuit also alleges the University had a duty to protect the woman from the alleged criminal acts of the players.

University spokesman Matt Storin declined to comment on the lawsuit, citing University policy.

According to the lawsuit filed in St. Joseph County Superior Court, the woman and her parents are seeking damages to send a message "to deter these defendants and others."

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'Dusk 'til Dawn' to be held tonight

Sleepover on the quad to raise money for the homeless

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

"Dusk 'til Dawn," an all-night event promoting awareness of the plight of the homeless and raising money for the proposed Saint Peter Claver Catholic Worker House of South Bend, kicks off tonight at 8 p.m. in front of Dillon Hall.

The evening starts with an opening Mass by Father Bill Lies, executive director of the Center for Social Concerns and continues on South Quad with a lighting of luminaries. Organizers said that they hope the event will remain on South Quad all night, though a significant drop in the temperature or rain could drive it into Stepan Center.

"We're actually going to be spending the night on the quad," said sophomore Jackie Clark, who organized the event along with fellow sophomore Michelle McCarthy and a planning committee. "People are asked to bring sleeping bags and blankets."

Activities planned throughout the night, including presentations and films, will educate participants about homelessness. Attendees will also have the opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. Drew Buscareno, former director of the South Bend Center for the Homeless, will speak, along with a former resident of the shelter. Participants will be treated to a viewing of a film showcasing the life of

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Notre Dame admits class of 2008

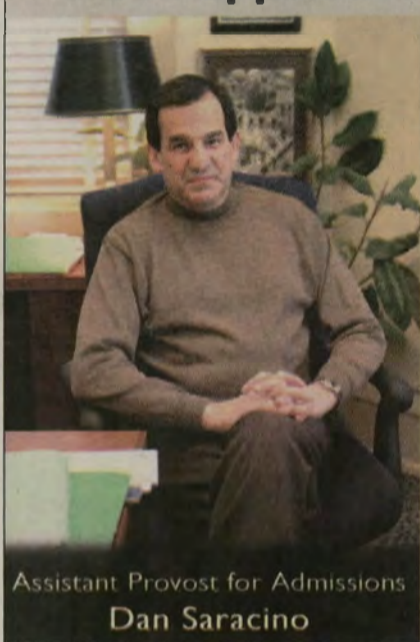
By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The Notre Dame class of 2008 promises to be just as academically strong — if not stronger — than the widely-acclaimed class that preceded it, the Office of Admissions predicts.

Based on the 3,359 admitted students, the last of whom received their decision letters this week, the University projects 1,975 to enroll in the fall. The average incoming freshman is expected to rank in the top 5.5 percent of his or her high school class with a median SAT score of 1370 and a median ACT score of 31. Admitted Notre Dame

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2004 Application Pool and Admitted Students



Assistant Provost for Admissions
Dan Saracino

- 11,483 Applications
- 3,359 Admitted Students
- 1,975 Expected Enrollment

Projected Class of 2008

1,975 students altogether
(52% Men, 48% Women)

Average Class Rank in top 5.5%

Average SAT: 1370

Average ACT: 31

83% Catholic

23% Alumni Children

21% Ethnic Minority

3% International



MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

14 honorary degrees awarded

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will honor 14 recipients with honorary degrees this year, University and College officials said.

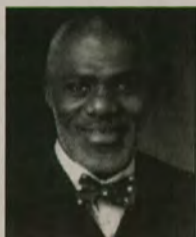
In addition to commencement speaker Alan Page, a justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Notre Dame has announced 10 new recipients this year, said



McGarry

Dennis Brown, associate director of news and information.

Jose Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals judge, Anita de Luna, MCDP, an assistant professor of religious studies at Our Lady of the Lake University, John Hennessey, president of Stanford University, Elaine Kim, professor of Asian American studies at the University of



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California at Berkeley, Terrence McClinn, president

of All Star Distributing Company and a Notre Dame Board of Trustees member, Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., professor at the Ecole Biblique et Archeologique Francaise in Jerusalem, Homer Neal, a physicist at the University of Michigan, James Sinogal, president of Costco Wholesale Corporation, Roxanne Spillet, president of Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Peter Tannock, vice chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia are this year's degree recipients.

"[Honorary degrees are] a way to recognize the accom-

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Istvan welcomed into office by 'fishy' prank

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

When then-student body president Libby Bishop stepped into her office on the first day of her term, she discovered a jar of Swedish fish on her desk. The gummy candies were from the previous president, Brooke Norton, as part of a student government tradition of exchanging a 'fishy' gift between the outgoing and incoming student body presidents.

On Thursday, student body

president Adam Istvan wasn't so lucky.

When Istvan opened the door of his office early Thursday morning, the strong smell of fish greeted him. Inside, Istvan found plates caked with tuna fish. Outgoing president Jeremy Lao planted the 'gift' with the help of his vice president Emily Chin and chief of staff Pat Corker.

"It absolutely reeked," Istvan said. "There were plates of tuna fish all around

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INSIDE COLUMN

IPCA here I come

I have never been a good packer. The summer I turned 12, I started packing for myself for our family vacation to Florida. I forgot pajamas. And a long sleeve shirt. And I only took three socks. Yes, that's right, three. After that, my mom insisted on checking my suitcase when we went on vacations.

Angela Saoud

*Saint Mary's
Editor*

In high school, I took a service trip to West Virginia with my church youth group. We were only allowed to bring one suitcase for the whole week. I went to Wal-Mart and bought the biggest suitcase I could find. When I showed up the morning of the trip, my gigantic suitcase in tow, my youth director insisted on checking all of our bags to make sure no one over packed. We all ended up sending clothes home.

Last night, I spent the evening packing for ICPA. That's the Indiana Collegiate Press Association for those who have no clue what I'm referencing. Nineteen Observer staff members will head to Muncie, Ind. this afternoon to attend an overnight conference. Having not been there before, I don't exactly know what to expect. But I'm promised a meal on The Observer's tab, a few sessions that may or may not be interesting and a great time.

Even if the conference is a bust, I'm looking forward to getting to know the rest of the staff. Between running back and forth between South Dining Hall and Saint Mary's there has been little time to get to talk with, let alone get to know, my fellow staff members. But, I think that six hours in the car, and 20-some odd hours together will do us all good.

It's funny how you can be in class with people, or, work with people for years, and never be able to put a name with their face. Even after talking to other staff members on the phone for over a year, I am just now starting to meet all of them. I don't yet know their backgrounds. I don't yet know their stories. But this weekend is going to be the start to changing all of that.

So, as I try to cram my clothes, my homework (yeah, like that's gonna happen), and the rest of my items into one duffle bag, I can't help but realize that I'm truly looking forward to this experience. I have no idea what to expect — well, with the exception of some possible moments of debauchery — but I know it will be a worthwhile experience nonetheless.

But for now, I need to finish packing. And, my mom just called. She just wanted to make sure I remembered my toothbrush.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Angela Saoud at saou0303@saintmarys.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HAVE YOU EVER PROTESTED AGAINST SOMETHING? WHAT AND WHY?



Daniel Negret-Coles
*Freshman
O'Neill*

"Hard alcohol, because Res Life told me so."



Garrett Jost
*Freshman
O'Neill*

"Wearing clothes, because I have a beautiful body."



Dan O'Brian
*Sophomore
O'Neill*

"Female sports, because my sister is better than me at almost all of them."



Andrew Chungchansat
*Junior
Off-campus*

"The man, because he held me down for too long."



Chris Tarnackl
*Freshman
O'Neill*

"The white athlete."



Kathleen Ryan
*Sophomore
McGlenn*

"Wearing bras."



Residents of Knott Hall cheer on the Notre Dame baseball team in Thursday's game against Hillsdale College.

CHRIS FEDERICO/The Observer

IN BRIEF

As part of the Women of Notre Dame series, guest alumna Colleen Meiman will address "Stories from the Beltway — How real is 'The West Wing'" based on her experiences as a White House staffer. The event will take place in Walsh Hall's south lounge from 2 to 3 p.m. today.

The African Student Association will hold its African Cultural Night that features an African dance troupe, arts, music and food tonight in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Farley Hall players will present the play "The Taxi Cabaret" tonight and Saturday night from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, and the event will be held in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Showings of the movie "Paycheck" will take place tonight and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Student Union Board, the movie will be held in 101 DeBartolo and admission costs \$3.

The Department of Political Science will hold a Meet Your Major meeting for students wanting to learn more about the political science major. Handouts will be available for prospective majors and advisors will be available to assist students in preparing for registration. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in 116 DeBartolo.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Robber gets tired of waiting, leaves pharmacy

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — No service, no patience, no pay-off. According to police, a would-be robber walked out empty-handed Wednesday when he got tired of waiting for someone at a suburban pharmacy to respond to his written demand for narcotics.

Pharmacist Dwight Disney said a man walked up to one of his co-workers at Vaughn Pharmacy in Powell and passed her a note scribbled on an envelope.

The note demanded drugs and said the robber had a pipe bomb strapped to his

chest. Disney said the man pulled back his jacket, revealing some wires.

Disney said his colleague "didn't want to find out if it was real" and brought him the note. The pharmacist called 911.

Politicians create pranks in honor of April Fool's

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry doesn't have a Republican-leaning French cousin. President Bush is not pushing legislation that would have other countries pay off the deficit. Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Arlen Specter is not

retiring to study Scottish Common Law.

And Democrats and Republicans did not agree on anything Thursday.

Playing traditional April Fools' politics, the parties and presidential campaigns mocked their opponents with bogus announcements that didn't always get a laugh.

In one of the day's more believable pranks, the Democratic National Committee announced that Republicans had agreed to a series of televised presidential debates.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Thursday, April 1 edition of The Observer, the name of Women of Notre Dame Week featured speaker Colleen Meiman was not included with the description of two activities in which she was scheduled to participate. Meiman contributed to a roundtable luncheon and a panel discussion Thursday. The name of arts and letters dean Mark Roche was also misspelled.

Due to an editing error, Meiman's involvement in today's discussion of the TV drama "The West Wing" was unclear. She has not appeared on the show but plans to contrast its vision of the White House with her real-life experience. The Observer regrets the error.

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Professionals speak on balancing work, family

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

Four professional women spoke to other students about their experiences in integrating work and family life in a panel discussion entitled "Women in the Workplace: On and Off the Career Track."

The event, part of this week's Women of Notre Dame Series, was sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, the Career Center and the Alumni Association. Held in the Coleman Morse Center, the discussion included four speakers: Colleen Meiman, a 1988 Notre Dame graduate, B.A. in Economics, Patricia Bellia, associate professor of law, Viva Bartkus, adjunct assistant professor of management, and was associate professor of psychology, Cyndi Bergeman, who facilitated the discussion.

Bartkus spoke first and began

by sharing two personal stories about her position as a female partner at McKinsey, a consulting firm. Her narratives led her to speak of three important themes: that women have made tremendous progress in the work place, that the work environment is still difficult and that women have a choice with respect to their involvement in their careers.

Bartkus told her predominately female audience that she hoped to see a "sea change" with our generation. She explained how the current generations' grandmothers fought for the right to vote, mothers fought for women in the workforce and how she hoped to see the present generation make even more progress.

Although her talk exhibited hope for females in the workplace, she still made a point of noting that it is "still really tough."

"You have to be so good they [either] can't make a decision without you or you make the deci-

sions yourself," Bartkus said.

"Sometimes we have to be better to get into the game."

Bartkus concluded her talk by leaving women with a choice concerning the balance between work and family.

"Anything of value is tough and hard to work for," she said. "You need to make your own choice according to your values."

Meiman served as a White House staffer and aide to Senator Bill Bradley and recently got off the full-time career track to spend time with her two children.

Meiman highlighted the stress caused by the long hours and the responsibilities of her position.

"I was playing really serious games at a pretty young age and had no time for myself," she said. "I decided that I wanted to get back to my interests and wanted to get off the career track."

While Meiman expressed no regrets for her decision to undertake her particular career route, she said she just decided that she

wanted her children to spend more time with their parents than with other people. In response, she decided that she could no longer work full time, but she also ruled out being a stay at home mom.

Meiman expressed her fortune in being able to work part time but also expressed some downsides to no longer being fully employed. As a part-time career woman, she was working for people with less experience than herself and expressed being seen as not committed.

Meiman concluded with a few words of advice. She expressed that options are not guaranteed, that women can't assume they can have children when they want to and that no option is perfect. But Meiman did say women have to make a choice and be happy with it.

Finally, Bellia discussed Supreme Court Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, a woman who was only offered a secretarial job at a law

firm upon graduating third in her class at Stanford, but who later became the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court. She shared the inspiration she received from Justice O'Connor's story and then proceeded to tell her own story, discussing her life as a full-time professor and as a mother of a 16-month-old daughter.

Bellia spoke of the problem that many working mothers face when they are competing with men who have stay at home wives who have more flexibility and are thus not under the same circumstances. She also spoke of the problems many women have who step off the career track and then try to get back on.

The final event in the women of Notre Dame Series is held today at 2 p.m. in Walsh Hall South Lounge and is entitled, "Stories from the Beltway."

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Saint Mary's encourages academic trips off-campus

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Through the work of various boards and departments, Saint Mary's attracts a number of prestigious speakers and events to campus each year. Within this past year, however, the College has made significant progress in ensuring that both students and faculty gain similar exposure in settings aside from its own.

According to English professor Carla Johnson, facilitating off-campus trips heightens students' knowledge and experience outside of their everyday climate.

"I believe it's advantageous for Saint Mary's students to visit a less homogenous atmosphere and to see what life outside our environ-

ment is like," she said. "Professional conferences give students an idea about where they are going."

Johnson said she takes her students on trips about once a semester, usually gaining necessary funds and transportation from the English department. Department approval is perhaps the most common outlet the College provides for such opportunities; however, not all professors have the time to plan, Johnson said. She, for one, only takes students to hear speakers of national importance whose topic relates to course content.

In the past, Johnson has organized trips to hear keynote speakers such as Gloria Steinem, Colin Powell and former President George Bush. She has also invited students to co-present papers with

her at both national and international conferences.

Most recently, Johnson took a group of students to hear Arthur Sulzberger Jr., chairman and publisher of the New York Times, speak at Northwestern University.

"I consider my students to be part of my whole life, not just certain parts of it," she said. "I enjoy sharing my professional conferences and events such as the Northwestern trip with them. It makes the event more meaningful to me as I learn along with them and sometimes because of them."

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership also funds off-campus trips. The Center enables students and faculty to broaden their range of travel by offering funding for grants.

Although there is a set annual

amount for CWIL's Group Study and Travel Grants and Student Intercultural Learning Grants, there is no set number of trips since the budgets vary, said director Elaine Meyer-Lee. In addition, no distance limit exists on how far the grants will extend; however, \$6,000 is typically the upper limit for funding.

"The longer distance trips tend to take student financial need into consideration when distributing the funds," Meyer-Lee said.

Applicants for the Group Study and Travel Grants must be faculty or staff members directly involved with student advertisement, she said. The applications must be submitted by the first of each month for review by the CWIL Faculty Advisory Committee on International and Intercultural Learning.

Individual students seeking lengthened, in-depth trips may apply for Student Intercultural Learning Grants. The next deadline is Dec. 1.

"The most important criterion is that the trip forward CWIL's mission of fostering the intercultural knowledge and competence critical to educating the next generation of women leaders," Meyer-Lee said. "Funding decisions are also based upon the proposal's potential for positive impact on the individuals involved, CWIL's work and the long-term good of the College as a whole."

While Johnson recognizes the impact both CWIL and academic departments have had on facilitating off-campus trips this year, she maintains that the College should become even more proactive in their promotion. She does, however, applaud its willingness to provide such opportunities.

"I have been 100 percent encouraged and supported each time I have chosen to take a student or students to an event," she said.

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www.nd.edu/~inquisit

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Confused? You should be. For enlightenment, seek ye the website or write to inquisit@nd.edu.

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Legion accepted for probationary club status

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

After three years of aiming to improve the home court advantage at men's basketball games by uniting the student section into a heckling green mass, the Leprechaun Legion will now set its sights on service activities after being granted probationary club status by Student Activities.

Drew Updike, president of the Leprechaun Legion, said the club's new recognition gives it many more positive opportunities.

"It has really legitimized everything," he said. "It has opened up doors [and] gives us more options. That's why we chose to go for it."

In addition to being granted basic club benefits, Updike hopes their new status will allow them to work with charities. One plan is to collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club to give South Bend kids a chance to attend the basketball games.

He also hopes they can assist Coaches vs. Cancer, a favorite charity of Irish coach Mike Brey. Coaches vs. Cancer is an American Cancer Society program united with the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Established in 1993, it has collected over \$22 million in the fight against cancer.

The Legion hopes to generate the extra funds through widespread sales of their shirts. This year, with aid from the athletic department, 3,000 "Standing Room Only" T-shirts were given to students who purchased season tickets. Updike says the Legion hopes to sell the shirts to the general public in the bookstore and Varsity Shop next year.

"We know the public will want to buy and wear whatever the students are wearing," he said. "If we can provide a shirt, it's the first step in generating ... funds for us, but also to generate

enough so we can donate to charities."

Updike pointed to the shirt as a uniting factor at games. Sayings such as "Improving your homecourt advantage since 1842" and "The only place on campus where nothing is sacred" have graced the shirts of years past. The Legion is holding a contest for the design of the 2004-05 shirt. Shirt ideas can be e-mailed to Updike by April 7, and the winning entry gets free season basketball tickets from the Legion.

As they did this year, the Legion hopes to continue providing students with free T-shirts, as well as host game-watches and bus trips.

Being recognized by the Student Activities Office involves a multi-step application process. The prospective group must present a file with several documents such as a club constitution, proposed budget and schedule, at least four club officers and a club sponsor.

In the case of the Leprechaun Legion, "We worked pretty closely with the athletic department," said Amy Geist, coordinator of student groups. "[The Legion] had done a lot of work with them. They were a big sponsoring group."

Applications for clubs are reviewed only once a year. If they meet all criteria, the group is granted probationary club status. This entitles them to several benefits such as funding, a mailbox and NetID and the ability to reserve areas for their use and post signs on campus. Next January, the club will be reviewed, and either granted full club status, extended probationary status or denied, Geist explained.

Updike said he was enthusiastic about the new opportunities that official club status will allow the group.

"The mission of the Legion is to improve men's basketball here at Notre Dame by doing things that haven't been done in the recent past," he said.

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Suit

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Notre Dame law professor G. Robert Blakely said the burden of proof is lower in a civil case than in a criminal case and a plaintiff in a civil case must only prove there is a "preponderance of evidence" to be awarded damages.

Blakely said it will be difficult for the plaintiffs to be awarded damages from Notre Dame because they have to show what the University could have done to protect her and prevent the alleged incident from occurring.

"I suppose they are looking for a deep pocket," Blakely said in reference to why Notre Dame was listed as a defendant in the suit.

Without legal representation,

Blakely said they have a better chance of succeeding against the former players than Notre Dame.

"If they don't have a lawyer willing to bring the suit, getting the University involved is not to their advantage ... No one in his right mind brings a case without a lawyer," Blakely said.

"I suppose they are looking for a deep pocket."

G. Robert Blakely
law professor

Last fall, a jury awarded a former Saint Mary's student \$1 million in damages in a civil suit filed against another former Notre Dame football player, Clifford Jefferson, alleging he sexually assaulted her.

In that case, the woman had legal representation, but Jefferson did not. A federal civil suit filed by the former Saint Mary's student is currently pending against Notre Dame.

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Fish

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the room. It smelled absolutely awful."

Istvan discarded the plates of tuna and went out to talk to Lao, Chin and Corker. He began joking that the trio should have planted some tuna in the ceiling when a horrible thought crossed his mind.

Back in the office, Istvan discovered that Lao was one step ahead of him. An open can of tuna was hiding behind the ceiling panels.

"[It was] all in good fun," he said.

Former student body presidents Brian O'Donoghue and Pat Hallahan would likely sympathize with Istvan.

When O'Donoghue took office four years ago, he opened the top drawer of his desk to find an 18-inch, 10-pound, raw fish planted by Micah Murphy, according to Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.

"I didn't really know about [the tradition] as an advisor until they were carrying it around," Coughlin said.

Three years later, Hallahan was in for a similar surprise.

On the last night of her term, Bishop hid sardines throughout the office. Hallahan, who had resigned as Bishop's chief of staff a few weeks earlier in part because of a perceived failure of the president to address the ban on in-hall dances during a Board of Trustees meeting, immediately discovered the 'gift.' It reportedly took him a few days, however, to find all the sardines and completely aerate the office.

Coughlin said that he didn't know the origin of the tradition but added that it was going on when he arrived at Notre Dame in the mid-1990s.

"Some of the incoming presidents know about it and some don't," he said. "If they don't, it can be kind of a surprise."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants arrested in Turkish raid

ANKARA, Turkey — A sweep against a militant Turkish group netted more than 50 suspects in three European countries Thursday in what experts said could be the fruit of increased security cooperation before the Athens Olympics.

The suspects were picked up in Turkey, Italy and Belgium after security forces there and in Germany and the Netherlands launched raids against houses used by the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C, a Marxist group that calls for the overthrow of the Turkish government.

Turkey has been pressing Europe to crack down on the DHKP-C and other groups, and the Europeans want Turkey to seal its porous borders so that Islamic militants do not sneak into their countries. Suicide bombers believed to be linked to al-Qaida carried out four bombings in Istanbul in November.

Tunisian led Madrid terror suspects

MADRID, Spain — Investigators believe that a Tunisian being sought under an international arrest warrant is the leader of the group suspected in the March 11 railway bombings in Madrid, according to court documents released Thursday.

The investigation into the bombings that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,800 has focused on the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group.

The court documents identify Sarhane Ben Abdelmajid Fakhet as "leader and coordinator of the different people implicated" in the attacks.

Sarhane was one of six men named on international arrest warrants issued by Judge Juan del Olmo on Wednesday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rice to testify on April 8

WASHINGTON — National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will go before the federal panel reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks next Thursday.

Rice will testify under oath for about two and a half hours, with much of the questioning expected to focus on what outgoing Clinton officials told her about the al-Qaida threat and her response afterward.

"She's obviously a very important witness who will be able to share the facts that pertain to the counterterrorism policy in the Bush administration, particularly in its earliest months," commission spokesman Al Felzenberg told The Associated Press. "The commission looks forward to hearing from her."

Ohio highway shooter indicted

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man arrested in the deadly string of highway shootings that terrorized Ohio drivers for months was indicted Thursday on a murder charge that could bring the death penalty.

Charles McCoy Jr., 28, was also charged with numerous other offenses, including attempted murder, assault and vandalism, in half of the 24 shootings.

The murder charge covers the only death in the case, that of 62-year-old Gail Knisley, who was being driven by a friend to a doctor's appointment and shopping trip when a bullet pierced the driver's door and killed her Nov. 25.

LOCAL NEWS

Wallis speaks on faith and politics

SOUTH BEND — A leading voice in the social justice movement said Democrats allow Republicans to define how religion is discussed in public. The Rev. Jim Wallis is the founder and editor of Sojourners magazine and convener of the anti-poverty Call to Renewal network of faith-based organizations.

He said that by making faith private, Democrats ignore the contributions of religious organizations to social movements and allow Republicans to define how religion will be discussed in public.

Bush endorses fetus rights bill

Bill makes it a crime to harm a fetus, receives criticism from pro-choice officials

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Accompanied by grieving families, President Bush on Thursday signed into law new protections for the unborn that for the first time make it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother.

"If the crime is murder and the unborn child's life ends, justice demands a full accounting under the law," Bush said before signing the measure, a major priority for many of the president's most loyal political supporters. "The suffering of two victims can never equal only one offense."

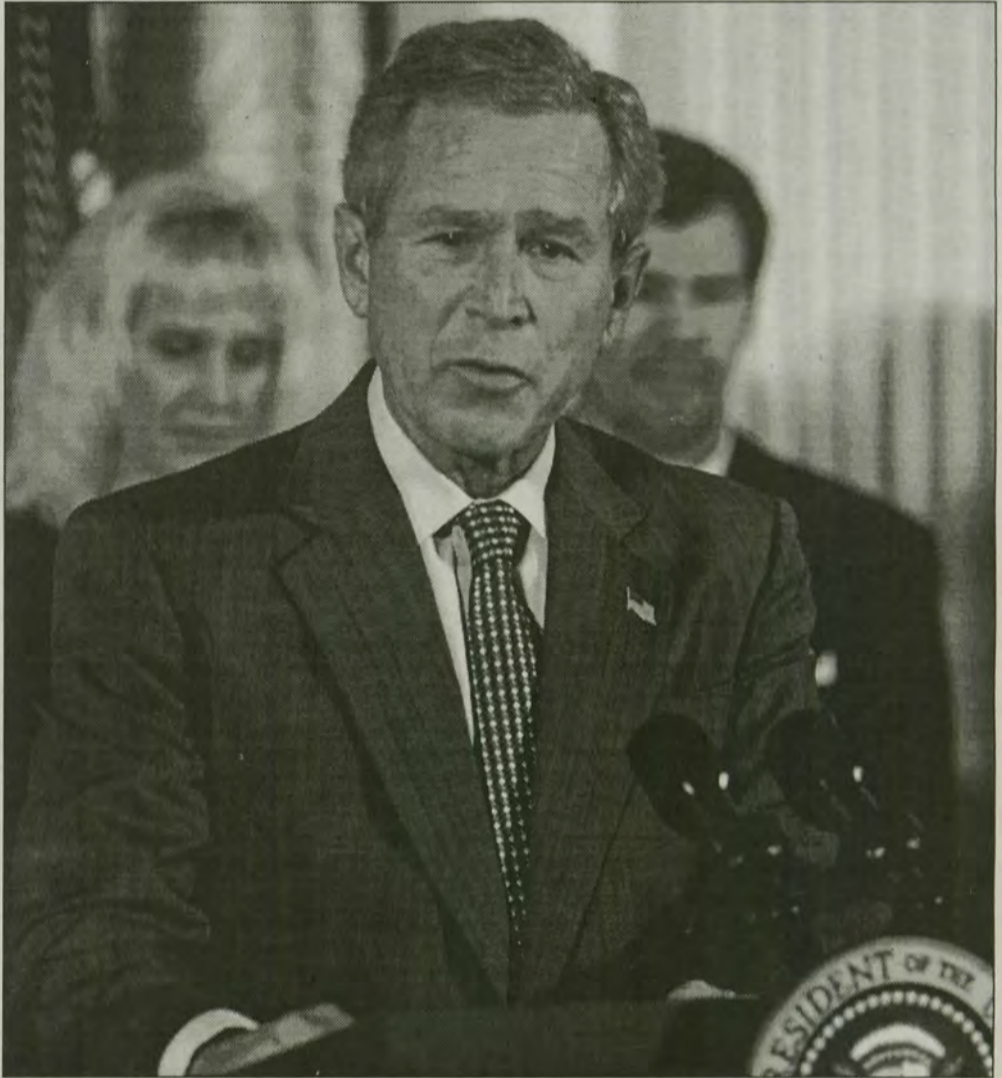
Abortion-rights proponents, meanwhile, called the measure an assault on reproductive freedom because it represents the first recognition of federal legal rights for an embryo or fetus as a person separate from the woman.

An exuberant audience of abortion foes cheered the president during his remarks, while a few of the family members who shared the East Room stage wiped away tears. Included in the group were the mother and stepfather of California murder victim Laci Peterson, who was eight months pregnant when she died in December 2002 in a highly publicized case.

Bush devoted a large share of his speech to the loss of "a beautiful young woman who was joyfully awaiting the arrival of a new son." Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, and stepfather, Ron Grantski, looked on.

"All who knew Laci Peterson have mourned two deaths. And the law cannot look away and pretend there was just one," Bush said.

The president met privately with the family



President Bush speaks on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act during a ceremony Thursday at the White House. The signing raised concerns by pro-choice activists.

members before the ceremony, Bush's first major bill-signing event of 2004.

But the new law wouldn't apply to crimes such as that in the Peterson case. It applies only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime, such as a terrorist attack or drug-related shooting, is being committed against the pregnant mother. The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero at "any stage of development."

Over two dozen states have similar laws, including California where Peterson's husband, Scott, is being tried on double murder charges and could

face the death penalty if convicted.

People on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issues have said the new law, which passed by a 245-163 vote in the House and a 61-38 vote in the Senate, will have far-reaching consequences.

Abortion opponents welcomed it.

"Today marks a tremendous victory for the pro-life movement," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. "We are now one step closer to rebuilding a culture of life, where every child born and unborn is given the protections they so clearly deserve."

Opponents saw a blow against women's legal choices including abortion.

"There is little doubt that this law is a thinly veiled attempt to create fetal rights," said Laura Murphy, director of the Washington legislative office for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The Bush White House is more interested in servicing their anti-choice political base than taking meaningful steps to protect women from violence and protect our constitutional rights," said Ann Lewis, national chair of the Democratic Party's women's vote center.

IRAQ

Newscasts avoid graphic images

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Macabre images of four U.S. civilians killed in Iraq filled television screens worldwide Wednesday but were largely shunned by American television that deemed them too graphic.

Network and cable newscasts planned judicious use of the video, which included images of the victims' charred bodies dragged through the street and two of them hanging from a bridge.

"We've had similar discussions throughout the war" in how to handle such raw footage, said Steve Capus, executive producer of "NBC Nightly

News."

In this case, it is "very disturbing, it's awful. Quite honestly, it doesn't need to be seen in full in order to convey the horrors of this despicable act," Capus said.

Fox News Channel planned to limit its images to shots of the burning vehicles in which the civilian contractors to the U.S. government had been riding — and to shots of joyous crowds in Fallujah.

"We have no plans to show more graphic footage," said Bill Shine, Fox's vice president of production. "We made the call that it was too graphic in nature to put on our air."

Despite what competitors may do, "Right now, we're going to stay with the decision we made," Shine said.

What CNN anchorman Wolf Blitzer called "a day of horror," in which five U.S. soldiers also were killed, was largely described rather than seen on the cable news channel. But CNN, which said it initially limited images to give authorities time to inform next of kin, ventured further on its 7 p.m. broadcast, "Anderson Cooper 360."

"There is much more we will not show, but we believe some images are necessary to fully illustrate the extent of the violence," CNN correspondent Walter Rodgers said from Iraq.

Degrees

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plishments of various individuals in all fields of life," Brown said. "It is a tradition to honor [those people] who have done something of significance in all fields of studies, such as social work, teaching and law."

In contrast, Saint Mary's will be honoring three, said Melanie McDonald, director of public relations at the College.

Saint Mary's announced their choices for the recipients of the 2004 honorary degrees last week. Paula Downing is a 1971 graduate and superintendent of Benton Harbor public schools, Peggy Hill is a 1961 graduate and is now an established Broadway producer, and Sister Michael Mary Nolan, CSC, is a member of the class of 1964 and social justice attorney in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

McDonald said the process begins with the president of the

college soliciting names.

"Anyone can nominate someone to receive the award as long as they are in some way affiliated with the college," she added, listing the Board of Trustees, various campus advisory boards and faculty, staff and students as examples.

At Notre Dame, Brown said, anyone from current students or faculty and staff members may nominate a person for an honorary degree. Each college within the University can also nominate individuals it feels are deserving of the degree due to their success and accomplishments.

University President Father Edward Malloy and several officers then narrow down the nominees and make final selections, which usually include 10 to 12 recipients.

"In some cases," Brown said, "offers [for the honorary degrees] are extended through the following year," in the event that a recipient cannot make it out for the commencement ceremony,

which usually takes place in May.

Saint Mary's, however, has a slightly different process.

After nominations, each person's credentials are verified and then sent to the Academic Affairs Council. This council then reviews the remaining candidates and submits their final list back to the Board of Trustees, who forwards the approved nominees back to the president to make the final cut.

"Because it is such a long process, the award is even more of an honor," McDonald said.

Commencement ceremonies will take place at Saint Mary's on Saturday, May 15. Notre Dame's commencement is



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Dusk

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Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker. The evening will also include a reading of "Faces of Homelessness," which recounts the personal experiences of homeless people.

The event culminates on Saturday morning with a reflection, closing prayer service and a breakfast of Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"Hopefully it will be a good opportunity for people to come out and learn more about homelessness and the fight against it," said freshman Liz Loo, a member of the planning committee and Notre Dame Circle K.

Revenue collected from the \$5 registration fee, hourly pledges and T-shirt sales, which were

provided by the AP Image Team at a reduced cost, will benefit the proposed Catholic Worker House. The house must raise \$20,000 by May in order to open.

So far, 200 people have registered for the event, though people can still sign up this evening before Mass, Clark said. Although the group said they doubt that they can raise the full amount of money tonight, they have also been collecting donations in Decio Hall and Wal-Mart and plan to solicit additional funds from Notre Dame alumni clubs.

Planning for "Dusk 'til Dawn," began in August, Clark said. It is sponsored by Notre Dame Circle K, the classes of 2006 and 2007. Campus Ministry, the Alumni Association, AP Image Team and various dorms.

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Liz Loo
planning committee member

"We're actually going to be spending the night on the quad."

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NYSE	6,644.34	+45.28
S&P 500	1,132.17	+5.96
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,739.78	+56.36
FTSE 100(London)	4,410.70	+25.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.72	+0.17	23.74

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10-YEAR NOTE	+1.59	+0.61	38.98
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.59	+0.72	28.53
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IN BRIEF

Gateway to eliminate 2,500 jobs

POWAY, Calif. — Troubled computer maker Gateway announced Thursday that it will shutter all of its stores next week and eliminate 2,500 jobs, or nearly 40 percent of its work force.

The company, based in the San Diego suburb of Poway, said the 188 stores will close on April 9 and workers will be dismissed as the store operations wind down.

The company, which has posted losses in 12 out of the last 13 quarters, said it is exploring other options for customers to buy its products.

EU backs fine against Microsoft

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union antitrust officials won backing Monday for their proposed fine against Microsoft Corp., the last hurdle before adopting a decision that could force far-reaching changes on how the U.S. company sells Windows.

Representatives from the 15 EU governments met for less than an hour behind closed doors to review the proposal from EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti. A source familiar with the case told The Associated Press they agreed to a fine but declined to elaborate.

Other sources, also speaking on condition of anonymity, have estimated the fine would run into the hundreds of millions of dollars when the European Commission, the EU's executive body, issues its ruling Wednesday.

WellPoint and Anthem set to merge

INDIANAPOLIS — The parent trade organization for Blue Cross and Blue Shield has approved the pending \$14.3 billion merger of WellPoint Health Networks Inc. and Anthem Inc.

Wellpoint and Anthem announced the approval by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association in a joint news release Tuesday.

The Chicago-based Association represents the national and international interests of the 41 Blue Cross and Blue Shield member companies, which are independent. The plans insure about 88 million people collectively, according to information posted on the group's Web site.

STOCK MARKET

Dow drops failing companies

Struggling AT&T, International Paper and Eastman Kodak will be replaced

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T, International Paper and Eastman Kodak are being dropped from the Dow Jones industrial average and replaced with other companies in a switch that reflects the decline of U.S. manufacturing and the rise of health care and financial services.

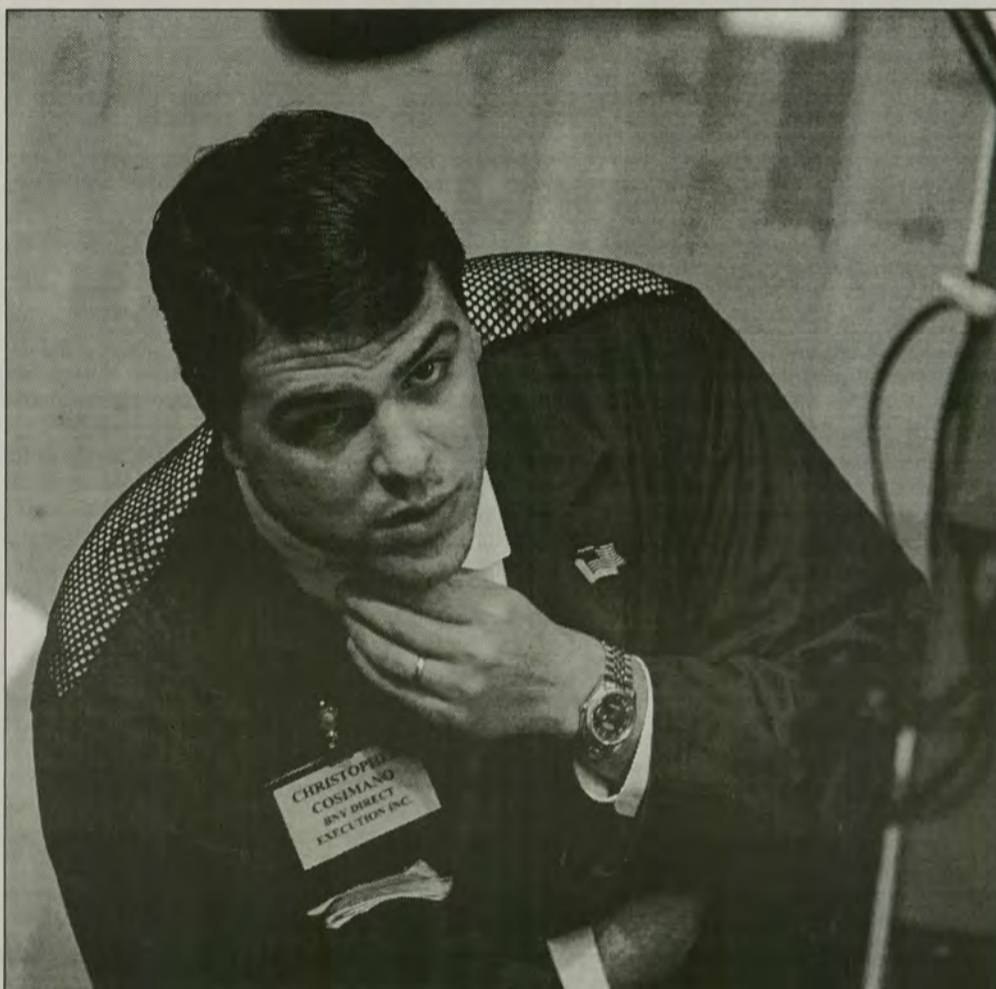
The three longtime components of the 30-stock index will be replaced April 8 by insurance giant AIG, the telephone company Verizon, and pharmaceutical maker Pfizer.

"Our main focus in this particular group of changes was not who do we kick out or replace. It was to recognize the trend of the growth of the financial or health-care sectors," said John Prestibo, editor of Dow Jones Indexes and markets editor of The Wall Street Journal. The Journal's top editors select the Dow's components.

"When it came to selecting companies to leave the Dow to make room for the new ones, we took recognition of another trend, and that is basic materials stocks have become less important, less weighty in the market."

Verizon joins another Baby Bell, SBC Communications, which was added in 1999. It replaces its former parent, AT&T, which had been a Dow component since 1939. International Paper had been in the index since 1956, and Kodak since 1930.

"Everybody looks at the Dow. It's a sign that your company really is one of the engines of the economy," said Jim Raphaelian,



A trader at the New York Stock Exchange reacts to news that AT&T, International Paper and Kodak were removed from the index of the top 30 industrial stocks.

head of institutional trading at Schwab Soundview Capital Markets. "But on the other hand, it's not so much an investment index as a balanced snapshot of the market. And I think what they were trying to do here was balance it with regard to the new realities of the economy."

Kodak, the struggling film and camera company that has been one of the index's worst-performing stocks, downplayed the change.

"Membership in any index has no bearing on

our ability to manage the company for profitable growth," spokesman Gerard Meuchner said.

AT&T issued a statement saying that while the company and the telecommunications industry have suffered from soft demand in recent years, the company remains "a bellwether of the U.S. economy."

International Paper officials did not immediately return calls for comment.

The three stocks that were being dropped each fell in early trading, while

prices rose for the companies that were being added.

The 30-stock index last changed in 1999, when four stocks were replaced. At that time, two Nasdaq-traded stocks, Microsoft and Intel, became the first Dow components not listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average was created by Charles H. Dow as a 12-stock index in 1896 and has become the primary barometer of the U.S. stock markets.

CAMPAIGN FINANCES

Democrats improve economically

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party finds itself in its most confident and comfortable financial position in years, though it still trails Republicans in almost every fund-raising category.

President Bush's fund-raising juggernaut keeps rolling, reaching more than \$182 million Thursday and closing in on doubling the \$100 million record he set in 2000.

The Democrats' efforts to whittle away at the GOP's spending advantage has been aided by presidential nominee-to-be John Kerry's decision to skip public financing and its spending limits, anti-Bush sentiment over the Iraq war, elimination of the party's debt, the formation of outside Democratic fund-raising groups and Howard Dean's Internet fund-raising explosion.

"Everywhere I go I'll talk to people and they really feel we have a chance," said Tony Coelho, a Democratic strategist and Al Gore's campaign chairman in 2000. "They're going to have \$200 million or more. But I think as long as we're around \$100 million we'll be competitive, we'll get our message out."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe sees considerable progress toward that goal: The party entered April with \$25 million in the bank to spend on Kerry's behalf and no debt, its best shape at this point in an election season in years.

But the Republican money advantage remains significant, no matter how it is measured.

Bush spent about \$40 million on TV and radio ads in his first month on the air, compared to only about \$6 million

for Kerry. Kerry has raised at least \$67 million.

The Republican National Committee had \$54 million on hand Thursday and no debt. The GOP's Senate fund-raising committee had roughly twice as much in the bank as its Democratic rival. The Democratic House committee was closest to its Republican counterpart in cash on hand, \$12.3 million compared to \$16 million.

The DNC, tackling two problems that dogged the party for years, has eliminated its debt while substantially improving its ability to attract small-dollar donations through the mail, a fund-raising method the GOP long has used more effectively.

McAuliffe is trying to limit the party's operating costs to the amount raised through direct mail, reserving the millions taken in through fundraisers for the presidential race.

Men's magazine 'Cargo' launches to fanfare

Industry insiders look for signs of male market expansion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is the Y chromosome evolving? Are guys really starting to care more about things like where to bargain-hunt for clothes, and what's the best skin cream?

A new shopping magazine is being closely watched by industry experts and advertisers to see if men actually want more help than a wife or girlfriend, if they have one, can provide.

Then again, some may well buy Cargo magazine just to get through the whole shopping experience more quickly.

"I have a sense of style, and want what is trendy, but I don't have a lot of patience looking for things," said Wilson Cleveland, 29, of Manhattan.

Cleveland spends about \$500 a month on himself, and used to do almost all his buying at few stores: clothes from Banana Republic, J. Crew or the Gap; gadgets from Circuit City, furniture from Pottery Barn or Ikea. "Admittedly, I closed off many options," he said.

Then he picked up Cargo, which Conde Nast Publications introduced on newsstands in March. He immediately spent \$300 on shirts and skin creams from stores he had never previously shopped at, including Lacoste and Sephora.

"This tells me where to go, and I don't even have to go looking for it," he said.

Cargo is considered the biggest launch ever for a men's magazine, based on the 99 pages of advertising in the premiere issue. Conde Nast, which also publishes the highly successful women's shopping magazine Lucky, is targeting Cargo to men ages 25 to 45.

Stores including Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue and manufacturers such as Oxen Workwear have reported an uptick in sales of products featured in the magazine.

Designer John Varvatos, for instance, has practically sold out of a \$120 sneaker for Converse at his stores.

That's catching the attention of other retailers and advertisers. They believe the success of publications like Cargo — some competitors will be coming out soon — would provide more evidence of a change in male attitudes toward shopping.

"Men do like to buy things. They just like more information" than women, said Cargo publisher Alan Katz.

He says sales at newsstands have been strong, based on preliminary reports, but couldn't offer figures.

In particular, sellers of men's clothing — which have been

struggling more than women's — could benefit if they found more effective ways to reach customers, according to Marshal Cohen, senior industry analyst at NPD Group, a market research company.

Eddie Bauer Inc. ran a three-page ad in Cargo's premiere edition highlighting rugged outerwear such as sweaters and army style pants.

"We are watching to see how it helps validate what we already know about men," said Eddie Bauer spokeswoman Lisa Erickson. "Men want shopping to be easy. They want to know the benefits of the garments more so than women."

The Redmond, Wash.-based retailer could end up re-evaluating how it communicates to men, described by Erickson as a tough audience to reach.

Jeffrey Potter, for one, said he doesn't want to be "pushed around by marketers."

"I still think when it comes to fashion, the more independent we are, the more we are able to express ourselves," said Potter, 35, of Madison, Wis., who sticks to catalog retailers like L.L. Bean and Patagonia.

About half of Cargo's editorial content is focused on fashion and grooming.

The rest covers such areas as

electronic gadgets and cars. The premiere issue offers advice on how to pick the right cut suit for your body, a low-down on digital camcorders and a review of premium rums.

Unlike Lucky, which resembles a catalog, Cargo does have short articles.

"The main difference is that Lucky celebrates shopping as a pastime," said Ariel Foxman, Cargo's editor in chief. "For men, it's about minimizing time shopping to maximize the pleasure of actually enjoying the purchase."

Both Lucky and Cargo include stickers that readers can use to earmark products that they like. Lucky stickers are usually in bright colors and say "Yes" and "Maybe."

Cargo's are more austere, in manly tones of brown. Cargo also offers something extra, presumably for men who won't be seen carrying a shopping magazine into a store: Wallet-sized tear-out cards with product tips.

It's not the first shopping magazine for men. Complex magazine came out in April 2002, but targets trendsetters and views itself as more multi-cultural.

Ziff Davis Media Inc., will unveil Sync, a guide to gadgets, this summer. And this fall, Fairchild Publications, which publishes the glossy W and

Women's Wear Daily, is slated to unveil Vitals, which is expected to focus on the high-end market.

Some stores have already made changes to better sell to men.

Sonya's Skincare Salon, which specializes in services such as hair removal, has increased its advertising to men in the past year and plans to open a separate section for them.

"Women don't mind waiting. Men really want to be in and out," said owner Sonia Menezes.

Men now account for 40 percent of the clientele at the New York-based salon, and Menezes said business has increased since it was featured in Cargo.

Bergdorf Goodman launched its first major advertising campaign for men this spring, which helped drive traffic to the stores.

It has also changed the way it merchandises men's clothing, mixing jackets with jeans, instead of featuring categories separately.

Robert Burke, Bergdorf Goodman's vice president of fashion, said the store hadn't advertised in the past because they felt men would not be responsive. But attitudes have changed, he said.

"The timing was right to run the ads," he said.

"I still think when it comes to fashion, the more independent we are, the more we are able to express ourselves."

**Jeffrey Potter
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Fall 2004 Courses

ROIT 310 TEXTUAL ANALYSIS / ADVANCED GRAMMAR 9:30-10:45 T/Th C. Ryan-Scheutz

An introduction to the critical analysis of Italian literary texts across a variety of genres and periods, complemented by an advanced grammar review and practice in writing. Recommended for all majors and supplementary majors.

ROIT 371 INTRO TO ITALIAN LITERATURE I 11:00-12:15 T/Th C. Moevs

An introduction to the close reading and textual analysis of representative texts from the Duecento through the Renaissance, including Lentini, Guinizzelli, Cavalcanti, Dante, Petrarca, Boccaccio, Poliziano, Machiavelli, and Ariosto. We will trace the profile of Italian literary history in this period, setting the texts in their cultural and historical context (including music, art, and architecture), with attention to the changing understanding of human nature and the physical world in these centuries. Requirements include class participation, short essays, short presentations, a midterm and a final. Taught in Italian. Pre-requisite: ROIT 202 or equivalent; ROIT 310 suggested. The course is required for majors and secondary majors.

ROIT/LLRO 411I DANTE I: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE 2:00-3:15 T/Th T. Cachey

According to the eminent critic John Freccero "Understanding in the *Inferno* is a process that might be characterized as hyperbolic doubt systematically applied to the values of contemporary society." This may explain the strong revival of interest in the poem that we have witnessed of late. In this course we will read and discuss in detail the *Inferno* as well as important "minor" works leading up to the *Divine Comedy* including the *Vita nuova* (New Life), the *Convivio* (The Banquet), and the *De vulgari eloquentia* (On vernacular eloquence). The course, which satisfies the literature requirement, will be offered in English. Undergraduate students of Italian at all levels are welcome. Midterm, final exam and brief presentations.

FTT/ROIT/LLRO 452I ITALIAN CINEMA: THE REALITIES OF HISTORY 1:30-2:45 M/W Z. Baranski* (ROIT 450IL - Lab 3:30-5:30 Th)

This course explores the construction and development of the Italian cinematic realist tradition from the silent era to the early 1970s, although its primary focus is on the period 1934-1966, which stretches from the appearance of Blasetti's openly fascist 'historical' reconstruction, "La vecchia guardia", to Pasolini's 'eccentric' exercise in left-wing commitment, "Uccellacci e uccellini", with its mix of expressionist and hyper-realist techniques. At the centre of this period are found some of Italy's most highly regarded films made by directors, such as Vittorio DeSica, Roberto Rossellini, and Luchino Visconti, who belonged to the Neo-realist movement (1948-53). These film-makers rejected escapist cinema and tried to make films that examined the contemporary experiences of ordinary Italians. As well as analysing the films in themselves, the course examines the formal and ideological continuities and differences between Neo-realist films and their silent and fascist predecessors. In a similar way, it analyses Neo-realism's impact on later film-makers, such as Federico Fellini, Pietro Germi, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Gillo Pontecorvo, Dino Risi, and Francesco Rosi, who attempted to develop new versions of cinematic realism. Finally, the course aims to locate the films in their historical and cultural contexts and to address theoretical issues arising from the concept of 'realism'.

ROIT 471 ITALIAN SHORT STORY 12:30-1:45 T/Th J. Welle

Taught in Italian, this course treats the historical development of the short prose narrative in Italian literature. Beginning with the folktale, and moving into selected novelle by such Medieval and Renaissance writers as Boccaccio, Bandello, Firenzuola and Machiavelli, the course also includes modern and contemporary contributors to the genre including Verga, D'Annunzio, Pirandello, Moravia, Gozzano, Tozzi, Deledda, Serao, Maraini, Calvino, and Ginzburg. Students will be required to write a number of brief papers, to give brief oral presentations and to participate in class discussions. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

ROIT 500 ITALIAN GRADUATE READING 8:30-9:20 M/W/F Staff

This one semester, intensive study of Italian grammar and syntax is intended for graduate students working in the humanities or sciences, who are interested in acquiring reading proficiency in Italian.

ROIT 515 DANTE'S WORLD OF BOOKS 12:30-3:00 T Z. Baranski*

Dante's World of Books aims to examine the oeuvre and career of, arguably, the most original and influential writer in Western culture from three closely interlinked perspectives. First, the course provides an overview of all Dante's writings, the books he actually produced. Second, it explores his intellectual formation and his attitude towards the literary tradition-the books that were probably present in his 'library'. Third, it will assess the manner in which Dante synthesized his different ideological and poetic interests in order to develop an incisive and powerful assessment and critique of humanity's position in the order of divine creation. In the Middle Ages, the created universe was often metaphorically described as "God's book" or the "book of creation". The course thus attempts to investigate the complex inter-relationship that Dante forged between his books and the 'book' of the Supreme Artist, a popular and highly influential medieval image for God the Creator.

ROIT 588 MODERN ITALIAN POETRY 3:30-6:00 Th J. Welle

Addressed to graduate and advanced undergraduates, this course focuses on Italian poetry in the twentieth century. Major Italian poets and poet/translators to be studied include D'Annunzio, Gozzano, Marinetti, Ungaretti, Saba, Montale, Pavese, Quasimodo, Fortini, Pasolini, Sanguineti, Zanzotto, Rosselli, Giudici, Magrelli, Valduga and D'Elia. The role of translation in the evolution, transmission and diffusion of modern Italian poetry will also be considered. Requirements include a 20 to 30 minute seminar presentation, class participation including brief reports on critical readings, and a final research paper.

* Professor Zygmunt G. Baranski, 2004 Visiting Distinguished Professor of Dante and Italian Studies

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ROIT 551I RENAISSANCE & EARLY MODERN EUROPE SOCIAL & CULTURAL HISTORY 1:30-4:00 M M. Meserve

This course will examine the intellectual and cultural climate of the Italian Renaissance, with an emphasis on both its origins in and impact on the structures of late medieval Italian society. We will also examine the later spread of Renaissance culture to the rest of Europe in the 16th century, with a view to studying the interplay between cultural practices and the societies in which they developed. Topics of study will most likely include: Italian humanism in its social context; the origin and development of Renaissance social 'types' (the artist, the engineer, the secretary, the courtesan, the prince); print culture and political propaganda; patronage and clientage; civic culture and performance; historical consciousness and national identity; changing relationships between the individual, society and the state.

ROIT/ARHI 546M SURVEY OF ITALIAN BAROQUE ART 3:00-3:50 M/W/F R. Coleman

This course surveys Italian painting, sculpture, and architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries, the era of the foundation and suppression of the Jesuit Order, the Counter-Reformation, absolute monarchy, and democratic nations. Artists and architects under discussion include Caravaggio and the Carracci, Bernini, Borromini, Guarini, Algardi, Artemisia Gentileschi, Pietro da Cortona, Baciccio, Pozzo, and Tiepolo.

ROIT/ARHI 545E MANNERISM: PAINTING & SCULPTURE IN CENTRAL ITALY AFTER THE DEATH OF RAPHAEL 11:45-01:00 M/W R. Coleman

This course will explore the artistic trends in Italy after the High Renaissance (c. 1520) and before the Baroque (c. 1580). Our attention will then turn to the Roman art of Raphael's heirs, Giulio Romano, Perino del Vaga, and Polidoro da Caravaggio, and the emerging Tuscan painters Pontormo, Rosso Fiorentino, and Domenico Beccafumi. We will also investigate the dispersal of the Roman school: Giulio Romano to the Gonzaga court in Mantua, in 1524, and, following the Sack of Rome in 1527, other maniera artists to Genoa, Bologna, Parma, and as far as the French royal chateau at Fontainebleau.

Admits

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Scholars, who represent the top 20 percent of incoming students, ranked in the top 1.4 percent of their class with a 1518 SAT and a 34 ACT.

Assistant provost for admissions Dan Saracino, said that the University's academic reputation has made prolific strides in the last decade, attracting not only more students—the 11,483 applications received this year were second to just last year's record total—but a stronger overall group than ever before.

"The quality of the applicant pool now in terms of academics—courses taken, grades, test scores—is as strong as the actual class who enrolled at Notre Dame in the mid-90s," he said.

While the numbers alone are impressive, Saracino emphasized that the non-academic side is what makes Notre Dame shine among other elite institutions.

"I would say in the last 10 years, Notre Dame has gotten steadily more and more competitive—not that we're trying to be a Harvard, but we're trying to be a better Notre Dame," Saracino said. "We want to bring outstanding young men and women who are gifted, who are blessed in and out of the classroom and who want to contribute."

In addition to weighing all applicants' academic and non-academic strengths, the Office of Admissions must also consider other factors targeted by the University, such as whether a student is a child of an alumnus or donor or comes from a minority background. Ethnic minorities are expected to make up 21 percent of the class of 2008, with alumni children at 23 percent and international students at 3 percent.

Saracino pointed out that while Notre Dame's preferred admissions policies regarding these "special interest" groups have often been publicized as weakening standards, their own need to keep pace is just as great.

"Every subgroup has had to take it up a notch," he said. "Everyone has had to become a little more competitive out of fairness, because the poor student whose father and mother didn't go to Notre Dame, who's not an athlete, who's not a development interest, that student has to be stronger than any of them."

"My heart goes out to those

students because no one is fighting for them in the admissions process."

The interplay between all of these groups is essential to the University's financial aid policy, Saracino added. He said that the money brought in by chief donors and alumni—"a family that contributes among the highest in the country"—creates a "symbiotic relationship" that allows less wealthy students to attend.

"Notre Dame had in a sense developed a reputation for arrogance in the 70s and 80s," he said. "I returned in 1997 because I knew and heard from everyone in the administration that [meeting all financial need] is the commitment of Notre Dame... so that dream can be realized no matter what their financial circumstances are."

The downside of attracting an exceptionally strong applicant pool, however, comes when the Office of Admissions must turn away students who are clearly qualified—and then explain these decisions to the brokenhearted.

"You hear stories from the father that will say 'I can't go home, my daughter got her letter, and she's been sobbing for two hours,'" Saracino said. "But what you've got to say, with all due respect to the father, is that [his] role is to be at home with her right now holding her and hugging her and saying 'you know what, this isn't about you, this is Notre Dame's loss.'"

Turning down more applicants became a necessity after an unanticipated 57 percent of admitted students confirmed their enrollment last year, Saracino said.

"It's much easier to bring a class in with fewer accepts and then bring a few off the waiting list than to admit too many and you can't go back," he said. "We had to be more conservative."

Saracino said that unlike many other selective colleges, Notre Dame does not attempt to attract a huge volume of applicants just for the sake of statistics. Instead, it aims to attract students who are truly interested in attending, and often must apologize when those students' dreams are disappointed.

"What [University President Emeritus] Father [Theodore] Hesburgh has told me on a number of occasions is that really, if too many people are happy with your job then you're probably not doing it fairly," Saracino said. "You've got to be as fair as possible."

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The Hispanic Law Students' Association cordially invites the Notre Dame community to the **Graciela Olivarez Award Ceremony** Saturday, April 3, 2004

This prestigious award is given in honor of Graciela Olivarez, the first Hispanic and first female to graduate from Notre Dame Law School. The Award is bestowed each year upon a Hispanic lawyer or judge who best exemplifies Graciela Olivarez's commitment to community service, demonstration of the highest ethical and moral standards, and dedication to justice. This year's recipient is **J. Robert Flores, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice.**

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Award Ceremony at 11:00 am – Law School Courtroom

Ohio veteran murdered in Iraq

Associated Press

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio — An Army veteran from Ohio was one of four American contractors killed in Iraq, their bodies mutilated and dragged through the streets.

Family members said Thursday that Jerry Zovko, 32, died with three other civilians Wednesday after they were hit by rocket-propelled grenades in a rebel ambush. The victims worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, one of five subsidiaries of Blackwater USA based in North Carolina.

Zovko's mother said she and her husband had suspected their son might be among the dead, but their fears were confirmed Thursday morning when the president of Blackwater USA knocked on their door.

"It was the hardest day of my life," Donna Zovko said during an interview in her suburban Cleveland home.

"Jerry was a man with a principle, an idea," his mother said. "He loved people. He wanted the world to be without borders, for everybody to be free and safe."

Zovko's family wouldn't say whether he was married or had children.

The names of the victims

were not officially released because family members had yet to be notified, U.S. officials said.

In Moyock, N.C., where the security company is based, residents said the shocking way the bodies were treated helped bring the conflict in Iraq closer to home. Jubilant Iraqi residents dragged two of the charred corpses through the streets and strung them up on a bridge, acts the U.S. government denounced as "horrific."

"With what's been going on in Iraq I'm not surprised at anything," said 72-year-old Howard Forbes. "But I was surprised at what they did to the bodies."

Marty Huffstickler, 52, who works part-time as an electrician for Blackwater, said he believes Americans are "dying for no reason."

"I don't agree with what's going on over there," he said. "The people over there don't want us there."

The company provides security training and guard services to customers around the world. Blackwater President Gary Jackson and

two other company leaders are former Navy SEAL commandos.

The company declined to comment beyond a statement that acknowledged it was a government subcontractor providing security for the delivery of food in the Fallujah area.


Privately owned Blackwater USA's range of paramilitary services include providing firearms and small-groups training facilities for Navy SEALs, police department SWAT teams and former special operations personnel.

"We're very proud of the work that we do. We feel that we support a just cause," assistant training director Chris Epperson said during a visit earlier this year.

The company's security consulting business connects former special forces troops with jobs that may involve protecting people or places, or training foreign militaries. Epperson said the company's contractors provide protection to Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq.

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Marty Huffstickler
Blackwater employee




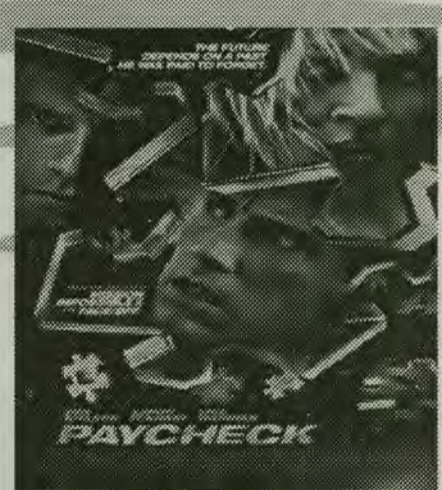
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Jackson visits Capitol Hill

Pop singer advocates fighting AIDS in Africa during visit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From all the fuss that was made over Michael Jackson in Washington this week, you would think he still ruled as "The King of Pop."

He walked the halls of the Capitol, met with members of Congress and was lauded for his work fighting AIDS, even as a grand jury in California was hearing testimony in his child molestation case.

Shy and giggling, Jackson said little during his three days in Washington but attracted hordes of reporters. He was trailed by fans, enthusiastic maintenance workers and congressional staffers using their videophones to snap pictures.

"It set Capitol Hill on fire, I can tell you," said Leon Buck, chief of staff to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, who helped arrange

Jackson's visit. "The congresswoman, she even said she's never seen anything like it. When we left there were people running alongside the car. Of course you see it on TV but to actually witness it and see it is amazing."

One staffer even fainted in the hubbub, Buck said.

Like most men on Capitol Hill, Jackson was wearing a suit. But it's safe to say no one else had his fashion sense. His outfit included a satiny, spangled jacket and silver-sequined boots. And he wore pink lipstick.

He flashed peace signs and gave out hugs. At one point he waved a small Israeli flag.

"It's the kind of stuff that you couldn't make up," said Marty Kaplan, director of the University of Southern California's Norman Lear Center, which studies the intersection of entertainment and politics.

"It could be a skit on 'Saturday Night Live.' I can imagine in a writer's room people pitching it: 'Yeah, and Michael Jackson, while the grand jury's in the middle of the indictment, goes to

Congress and behaves like nothing's happened.' And maybe it wouldn't get on the air because people would think it was too big a stretch."

Thursday night, Jackson was being honored at the Ethiopian Embassy by the African Ambassadors' Spouses Association for his work fighting AIDS in Africa.

On Friday he was due back in California for a pretrial hearing in the molestation case.

He was charged last year with seven counts of committing lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under age 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent to the child. Jackson has pleaded innocent.

A grand jury in Santa Barbara is hearing evidence in the case, including testimony this week from Jackson's young accuser, a source close to the proceeding told The Associated Press.

Some members of Congress kept their distance: A scheduled visit with the Congressional Black Caucus was called off over scheduling conflicts.

Bush signs bill to protect fetuses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Accompanied by grieving families, President Bush on Thursday signed into law new protections for the unborn that for the first time make it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother.

"If the crime is murder and the unborn child's life ends, justice demands a full accounting under the law," Bush said before signing the measure, a major priority for many of the president's most loyal political supporters. "The suffering of two victims can never equal only one offense."

Abortion-rights proponents, meanwhile, called the measure an assault on reproductive freedom because it represents the first recognition of federal legal rights for an embryo or fetus as a person separate from the woman.

An exuberant audience of abortion foes cheered the president during his remarks, while a few of the family members who shared the East Room stage wiped away tears.

Included in the group were the mother and stepfather of California murder victim Laci Peterson, who was eight months pregnant when she died in December 2002 in a highly publicized case. Bush devoted a large share of his speech to the loss of "a beautiful young woman who was joyfully awaiting the arrival of a new son." Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, and stepfather, Ron Grantski, looked on. "All who knew Laci Peterson have mourned two deaths. And the law cannot look away and pretend there was just one," Bush said. The president met privately with the family members before the ceremony, Bush's first major bill-signing event of 2004. But the new law wouldn't apply to crimes such as that in the Peterson case. It applies only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime, such as a terrorist attack or

drug-related shooting, is being committed against the pregnant mother. The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero "any stage of development."

Over two dozen states have similar laws, including California where Peterson's husband, Scott, is being tried on double murder charges and could face the death penalty if convicted.

People on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issues have said the new law, which passed by a 245-163 vote in the House and a 61-38 vote in the Senate, will have far-reaching consequences.

Abortion opponents welcomed it.

"Today marks a tremendous victory for the pro-life movement," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council. "We are now one step closer to rebuilding a culture of life, where every child born and unborn is given the protections they so clearly deserve."

Opponents saw a blow against women's legal choices including abortion.

"There is little doubt that this law is a thinly veiled attempt to create fetal rights," said Laura Murphy, director of the Washington legislative office

for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The Bush White House is more interested in servicing their anti-choice political base than taking meaningful steps to protect women from violence and protect our constitutional rights," said Ann Lewis, national chair of the Democratic Party's women's vote center.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Bush's presumptive opponent in this fall's election voted against the bill.

Bush has taken several actions that have pleased anti-abortion advocates.

Previously, he has signed legislation that bans certain late-term abortions and that amends legal definitions of "person," "human being," "child" and "individual" to include any fetus that survives an abortion.

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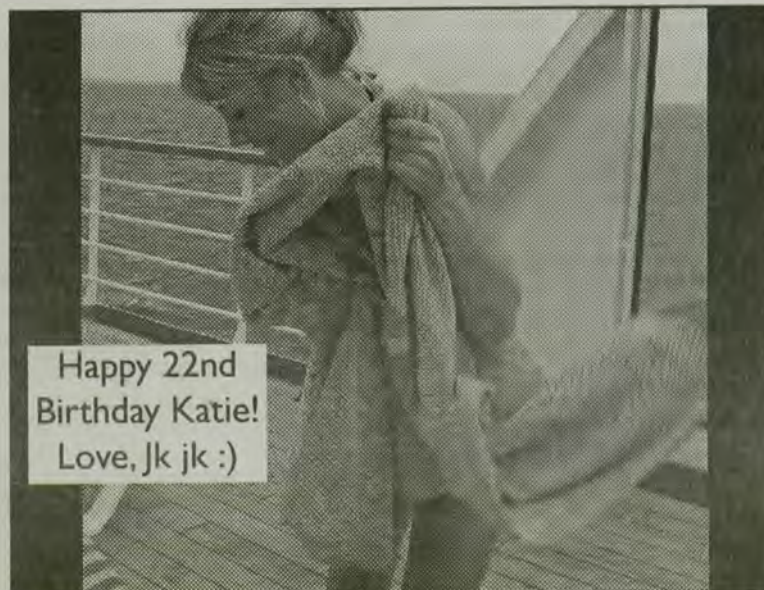
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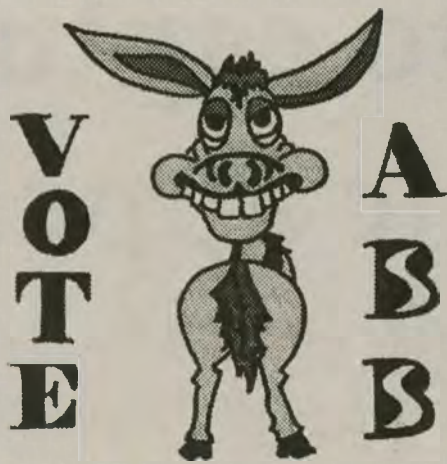


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John Kerry: a true 'ABB' candidate

With roughly six months remaining before the presidential election, Democratic challenger John Kerry is attempting to define his personal and political image to a public that all but dismissed his chances before the Howard Dean meltdown. Currently, his campaign consists of slogans and promises that place him squarely in what some call the "Anyone but Bush" (ABB) mold.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

The ABB crowd, which dominated the primary elections and nominated the Massachusetts senator, consists of those who would prefer virtually any candidate, whether Democrat, Green, Communist or Whig over the incumbent. I've stopped counting the reasons — many informed, many misguided — but the website www.thousandreasons.org has an easily accessible list.

From the field of nine candidates, the ABB crowd sought one who was diametrically opposed to Bush on almost every issue available since they believe he is responsible for every lost job, every corporate wrongdoing, every disdained Frenchman and every stubbed toe since taking office. Kerry's campaign gurus took a cue from this disgruntled portion of the populace, and his rhetoric on the trail to the White House has yet to offer a sound alternative path for America aside from idealistic ends coupled with either shaky or nonexistent means.

He paints an elaborate picture of the country's tragic state, which Bush supporters dismiss as excessively focused on exaggerated doom and gloom. Every candidate must shape the debate in his terms to achieve victory, but marginalizing optimism for America's current status seems both disingenuous and dangerous.

Taken on rhetoric alone, Kerry would be the greatest president in history. Just think: he will create jobs, balance the deficit, put those greedy corporate-types in their place, provide a health care plan for every American, restore frayed international alliances by making the world like us again and fight terror more effectively than Bush could ever dream. By this point, any true ABB supporter should be wiping a tear, but I thank God for skepticism, or at least rational faculties. The list goes on as Kerry's campaign soldiers search for every chink in Bush's armor, allowing him to promise more and more paper moons.

A personal favorite is the Kerry plan to stop outsourcing, that evil phenomenon that sounds a lot worse than it is in reality, which would "end every single tax credit that gives corporations breaks for moving jobs offshore," as quoted from his campaign website. Merely mentioning the word "corporate" conjures an image in the minds of the economically illiterate of cigar smoking fat-cats meeting to find

another way to make another million at the poor worker's expense. After all, some might ask, aren't these the lucky few who actually benefit from Bush's presidency?

Kerry will stick it to the man by severely penalizing the practice and aside from retaining a few extra jobs, the policy would have a twofold effect: first, larger and healthier corporations like General Motors will face drawbacks and reduced profits from outsourcing, hurting the Americans who invest in their stock; second, smaller corporations that outsourced because they were already in a bind from hefty taxes will be forced to submit to the rules, endangering their existence entirely.

What ever happened to the mass of enlightened economists who slammed Bush's tax cut but have yet to weigh in on this gem of a policy proposal? Could it be that they are part of the ABB horde themselves and will reserve their judgment of this plan that could prove suicidal in the long run, erasing almost two years of positive economic growth?

This case is indicative of how the Kerry campaign wrestles issues away from reality, paints any picture that implicates a Bush failure and provides a utopian alternative that aims to persuade undecided voters that Kerry's persudence will be more blissful than a Coors Light commercial.

President Bush certainly has a number of domestic and international problems to address if he wins this year, but the level-headed approach to his bid for re-election is much more comforting than one which seems geared towards a crowd more focused on removing one man from office than embracing a pragmatic course for America's future.

Ultimately, the ABB crowd has created its own paradox: they assume that ousting Bush from the White House can only have a positive effect on the nation and will vote for a candidate who sounds the least Bush-like, but their noble intentions may backfire if they flip the coin entirely beyond the level of effective policy.

John Kerry, praised for his ability to see the shades of gray, sounds less like an enlightened statesman at this point in the campaign and more like a salesman trying to swindle a customer who didn't realize he needed a Ginshu knife. The ABB crowd will buy it regardless, and if they sweep him into office, then hopefully Kerry's sensibilities will regroup, allowing him to realize that promising the world was only a figure of speech.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop making race an issue

Regarding Paul Hornung's recent comments, the University stated — through University spokesman Matt Storin — that Mr. Hornung doesn't represent the view of the University. I beg to differ, but did not the University recently join in the case before the Supreme Court on affirmative action supporting the use of giving special treatment to minorities when it comes to admissions? While Mr. Hornung was specifically addressing sports, the thesis was the same; minorities need special treatment if they are to attend Universities such as Notre Dame or the University of Michigan.

I ask Mr. Storin to please explain to all of us just how the two issues are not related. Personally, I don't agree with Mr. Hornung's view any more than I agree with any University's view that minorities need a special boost to attend, be

that a lowering of all standards to increase minorities on the football team or giving automatic added points to a minority in order to bring their score up to meet higher standards. Both show the same elements of racism. Or is it just that meeting arbitrary admission quotas is somehow more noble than winning football?

Perhaps Mr. Hornung would have met with less resistance had he made his statement more along the lines of the Supreme Court, and said that we need to lower standards, but only for the next 25 years. Better yet let's quit injecting race into all issues, in the above cases both football and admissions.

Barry Baumbaugh
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April 1

University can support both God's love and truth

After having read the recent letters from my law school colleagues, I feel compelled to respectfully dissent.

Both Mr. Hess and Ms. Tawresey make the unfortunate logical error of equating identity and behavior. Both Mr. Hess and Ms. Tawresey assert that University recognition of a campus straight-GBLT is tantamount to University approval of sexual behaviors associated with same-sex attraction — behaviors that run counter to Catholic sexual ethics and teaching.

Such a leap of logic is both erroneous and unfortunate. As Ms. Tawresey notes, Catholics are instructed and compelled by the Catechism of the Catholic Church to love and embrace all persons, no matter what their race, religion, moral compulsion — and, indeed, no matter what their sin. Ms. Tawresey paints the intent of a straight-GBLT alliance (or, as she puts it, "homosexual club") as promotion of the idea that "homosexual conduct is acceptable, and indeed, praiseworthy."

Such an error of assumption is as harmful as it is unfortunate. It is obvious to myself and many others that the University's Catholic mission compels it to provide resources to its students that help them best discern their vocation in accordance with Catholic doctrine.

Recognizing a group that brings students together to support one another in their journey of discernment is, I think, an excellent first step toward developing a holistic approach to ministry to gay, lesbian and bisexual students and those struggling with same-sex attraction. I confess that I have been unable to read the proposal for United in Diversity; but I have faith that with some compassion and some effort, University administrators could work with these passionate students to develop a charter for such a group that is both completely faithful to the

University's Catholic mission and truly supportive of its homosexual students. Particularly on a campus where events and activities are supported (often with copious university funds) that go just as far to outrightly promote and accept promiscuous, unmarried heterosexual behavior, such a stance against a straight-GBLT alliance approaches base hypocrisy at worst, and homophobic twisting of Catholic doctrine at best.

Most troubling, though, is my growing sense that in the bubble-world of Notre Dame, what it means to be a good Christian increasingly has little to do with actually imitating Christ. It would do us well to recall that Christ himself recognized and embraced a group of sinners whose behavior was

seen by the religious to be inherently against God — they were known as his disciples. Prostitutes, tax collectors, bounty hunters, thieves ... We see them all in the company of Christ at one time or another in the text of the Gospels. Indeed, Christ seems to have preferred their company to that of those who proclaimed the law of God from pulpits and condemned their fellow persons to damnation. See last

Sunday's gospel for just such an example. In Christ, God's truth and God's love were brought to perfection; and his example commands that we work toward such perfection at best and a healthy balance between them at least. With all due respect, Mr. Hess and Ms. Tawresey demand that we unhealthily tip that balance if not upend it completely. Let us hope that the University can work with its students to make Notre Dame a place that lives both God's truth and God's love at the same time.

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'Taxi Cabaret' sure to capture audience with comic appeal

Talented performers and humorous songs make for another very entertaining performance produced by Farley Hall Players

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Writer

This spring the Farley Hall Players have chosen to perform the musical-comedy "The Taxi Cabaret." Although this two-act play consists of only six characters, each actor has enough fire and talent to equal the impact of 20 actors. While the performers in musicals often specialize in only one or two aspects of musical theater, all members of this cast are extremely skilled in dancing, singing and acting. Aside from the quality of the performers, the play itself contributes greatly to the performance's entertainment value. Some lines of the script and lyrics from the songs cleverly imply multiple meanings. This musical's recent creation makes its humor and themes particularly relevant for today's audience.

"Taxi Cabaret's" storyline can be described as many glimpses into the lives of six individuals, with deep personal conflicts, living in New York City. The different character's ultimate interaction with each other, primarily in the second act, connects all of these glimpses together and provides unity in the play.

The music, lyrics, and script of "The Taxi Cabaret" were all written in 2002 by Peter Mills, a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. This musical has never been performed on Broadway, but certainly has great potential because of the diversity in the genres of its music, captivating story line, cleverness of its lines

and scenes and comic appeal. Along with the Farley Hall players, a couple of New York theater companies and colleges have also staged "The Taxi Cabaret."

The musical opens with Scott, played by junior Matt Patricoski, singing about his desire to produce great writing and his confidence that he will be able to do so. Throughout the play Scott struggles with reaching this goal.

At the beginning of the show, a young unmarried couple argues about trying to find an apartment. The pair's financial distress contributes greatly to this problem. This is one of the many disagreements that agitate the couple's love for each other. Seniors Blaine Pennington and Patricia Gilbert play the boyfriend and girlfriend in this rocky relationship.

The first grade teacher Karen's failure to be on time every morning is another important section of the play. Freshman Kate Scarlett O'Hara plays this tardy teacher. The closet homosexual and seemingly confident Zack, played by junior Tom Anthony, becomes the object of Karen's affection.

The sixth character and soloist for many of the musical's liveliest songs is C.C. Junior Erin Sjostrom brilliantly embodies this role of a sex-

ually frustrated and struggling actress.

Although no character in this performance fades into the background, Sjostrom and Anthony steal the show with their powerful voices. They hit all their notes, which this show's musical director and pianist, junior Lauren Prieto, described as extremely challenging.

"There is a very difficult six-part harmony in this show," Prieto said. "I'm so impressed with their ability."

"Sixteen Bars" is one of Sjostrom's best solo pieces, because it allows her to fully display her wide vocal range, dance talent and ability to convey emotion to the audience. The song compliments her voice and

clearly displays her character's personality. Sjostrom is a voice major at Notre Dame and hopes to be seen on the Broadway stage after she graduates. Sjostrom has also appeared in the much larger on-campus performance "Into the Woods" last school year.

While the beauty of Anthony's voice is evident every time he sings, he sounds his best in "Way Ahead of My Time." He does a lot of dancing while he's singing during this song, which makes this song particularly impressive. If Anthony is exhausted from singing and dancing in this piece, he provides no evidence of this to his audience. The humor of the subject addressed in this song only adds to Anthony's performance.

Other standout songs include the entire cast's performance of "E-Z Pass Lane", Patricoski's singing of "Village Idiot", "Ménage" and "The Corner Café". The strength of these songs lies primarily in their ability to arouse plenty of laughter. The incorporation of the 70's disco-party band the Village People into "Village Idiot" is particularly clever and ridiculously funny.

The closing scene of Act I is one of the most creatively written scenes in the play. As Patricoski explained, its strength is that it allows some of the actors to

temporarily take on new roles, while still maintaining some of the characteristics of their major roles.

The choreography in each song is very unique and pleasing to the eyes thanks to the creativity of choreographer Erin Porvaznik and the dancing abilities of the actors. The various forms of dance that this play lends itself to allows Porvaznik to incorporate a wide range of styles and movements into her scenes. Porvaznik explained how she tested each actor's dancing ability.

"We had a dance hip-hop audition to see if they could adapt to different styles," Porvaznik said.

Each character's ability to master many different forms of dance is extremely impressive.

The play uses only a few chairs and bar stools for the set. Thanks to good staging, the characters are able to use the minimal well. The Indian-chief (Native American chief) head-dress and construction worker hat are the best-used props in this play.

Junior Devon Candura certainly did an excellent job with her directing debut.

The Farley Hall Player's production of "The Taxi Cabaret" will be performed in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight and on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Senior Lena Caligiuri is the president of the Farley Hall Players while Margaret Dahlgren, Meghann Tubor and Beth Colombo also serve as officers for this organization.

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'Taxi Cabaret' contains various interrelated stories with small cast of just six actors.



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Pennington, left, and Gilbert act as a young unmarried couple in the play.



SHAWNA MONSON/The Observer

'Taxi Cabaret' contains many humorous song and dance numbers that are sure to please the crowd.



SHAWNA MONSON/The Observer

Tom Anthony, right, and Kate Scarlett O'Hara provide strong performances in 'Taxi

Foreign language plays sure to challenge and entertain

Scamming actors earn a living travelling town to town and swindling them as they go

By CAROLYN SWEENEY
Scene Writer

Looking for something to do this weekend? Looking for culture? Looking for an exciting challenge? Looking for a good comedy instead of watching the same cheesy movie again, which you have memorized and quote often? Well look no further. The department of romance languages is sponsoring two Spanish plays this weekend, which offer enough intrigue, romance and scandal to entertain even the toughest critic for at least an hour or two.

The romance languages department is presenting two plays in Spanish this weekend — "El retablo de las maravillas" and "El viejo celoso" with a grant from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. These comedies, both written by Miguel de Cervantes, were originally designed to be entremeses, short comedic plays performed during the intermission of a tragedy to lighten the mood.

Other than the fact that these plays are being presented independently of a larger tragedy, both plays stay very close to the spirit of the text. They are performed in the same 16th century Spanish that Cervantes wrote them in with costumes reminiscent of the time. While the Spanish is somewhat difficult to understand, even to an experienced speaker, the plot syn-

opsis that is provided for these plays is not difficult to understand. Although the plays were written centuries ago, they deal with issues modern viewers readily understand.

"El retablo de las maravillas" tells a story of two traveling "actors" who earn a living by scamming the towns they visit in various ways. These scam artists, Chanfalla and Chirinos and their newly acquired musician Rabelin, present a play to a village. Their play leaves the town in confusion and the swindlers hiding and gloating. "El retablo" teaches a lesson similar to that of "The Emperor's New Clothes."

"El viejo celoso" tells a story with the classic themes of love and lust. The young bride Lorenza is married to Cañizares, a very old, very protective husband who wants nothing but to be taken care of by his wife. Lorenza, however, is not so innocent, and is very upset that her marriage is not what it should be. She conspires with her neighbor and her maid to bring a young man into the house for companionship, and to taunt her husband.

Professor Kelly Kingsbury directs these plays as part of a two-credit class. "I advertised the plays through posters, and then held auditions in late January" said Kingsbury of the plays.

Students from all levels may enroll in this class, and this year they range from students with one

semester of Intensive Spanish to a student who speaks Spanish as her first language. The acting is commendable, although at times it seems that more effort is going into the language than the acting.

The ideas for the plays came partly as an inspiration from seeing her current roommate and office mate work on the Italian play, also being presented this weekend.

"El retablo de las maravillas" and "El viejo celoso" will be showing in the Jordan Auditorium of the Business School this tonight, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person (\$4 for members of the Spanish club), and are available at the department of romance languages office in 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall and at the door.

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SHAWNA MONSON/The Observer

The romance languages department provides comedy and culture in one with foreign plays.

Quality acting and well spoken Italian bring 'Non tutti i ladri vengono per nuocere' to life

By CAROLYN SWEENEY
Scene Writer

This weekend the department of romance languages' Italian Theater Project will present Dario Fo's "Non tutti i ladri vengono per nuocere" in Italian. The play is directed by Professor Laura Colangelo, the third year in a row she has directed an Italian play through the department. This play is an extension of her senior thesis while an undergraduate here at Notre Dame. Colangelo directed an Italian play for her honors senior thesis as a student of Professor Colleen Ryan, and has continued with these plays since her graduation in 2002.

"Non tutti i ladri vengono per nuocere," a relatively new work set in Italy in the 1960s is a farce, which tells the story of love, lust, confusion, robbery and three couples' entanglement in a web of lies.

Interest in the play, both in acting and attendance, has skyrocketed. This year there are two groups of actors due to a high interest level in students. Each group will present two of the four total performances.

The students involved in this play are enrolled in a two-credit class. Auditions were held in late November and early December, but work on the play did not begin until this semester. Students of all levels have had the chance to



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With quality acting and an english synopsis provided, Dario Fo's play is easily understood and enjoyable.

be in or work on the play — from people who have had only two semesters of Italian to Italian majors.

Most of the actors in the play not only speak Italian well, but also act well, bringing the characters to life.

Fo's play is sure to be enjoyable to all, despite one's language background. While acted in Italian, an English synopsis will be given in the program, and the acting should make it understandable.

"Non tutti i ladri vengono per nuocere" will be showing in the Washington Hall lab Theater tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. There will also be afternoon performances Saturday at 2:00 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the department of romance languages office in 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall and at the door.

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Interest in performing Italian plays on campus has risen to the extent with two groups of actors performing in the play this year.

NIT

Michigan tops Rutgers for title

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coach Tommy Amaker been through enough postseason basketball to know what Michigan needed most as it made its run at the NIT championship against Rutgers on Thursday night.

The message of the former Duke star to his players was simple: Slow down.

"We talked at halftime and throughout the second half about poise," Amaker said. "It was an electric atmosphere and sometimes you play faster than you want to."

The young Wolverines almost fell into that trap. Rutgers wiped out a 12-point lead and nudged in front briefly before Michigan recovered and won the title 62-55.

"We never found a groove," Amaker said. "But it was enough to come out with a victory."

And the victory delivered a championship Michigan might never have had a chance to play for except for a rare decision by the NCAA last September to grant the school's appeal of sanctions and make Amaker's team eligible for postseason play.

The reversal gave Michigan something to play for this season, and the NIT championship was the eventual reward.

Michigan's last NIT championship came in 1997, but that was stripped as part of self-imposed sanctions following NCAA violations and the Wolverines had not been to a postseason tournament since 2000. But they used their return to add another championship.

"I'm thrilled for our team and our program," Amaker said. "We tried to make the most of this season in a fashion to make our university proud."

Michigan opened a lead of 41-29 before Quincy Douby's only basket of the game started a 15-2 Rutgers' run that nudged the Scarlet Knights in front briefly.

Just when it seemed the game would slip away, the Wolverines reclaimed it.

After Ricky Shields put Rutgers in front 44-43 with just under 11 minutes left, Dion Harris responded with a 3-pointer to move Michigan back in front.

Juel Wiggan tied it for Rutgers, but a defensive breakdown gave Michigan's Bernard Robinson Jr. an easy basket with 7:37 remaining and the Wolverines had the lead for keeps.

Robinson then converted three free throws in a 9-0 Michigan run that sealed the victory.

Daniel Horton led Michigan with 14 points and Harris

had 13. Horton was the tournament MVP.

Herve Lamizana had eight blocked shots and led Rutgers with 19 points.

"We just didn't capitalize offensively in the second half," Rutgers coach Gary Waters said. "I thought we did all the things we needed to do to win that game. We just didn't capitalize at the right times."

Michigan's win was constructed around a defense that limited Rutgers' hot-shooting freshman Douby to just two points on 1-for-13 from the floor. Douby scored 35 points in the Scarlet Knights' semifinal victory over Iowa State.

"They did a great job on Douby," Waters said. "As a freshman, sometimes you end up pressing. That happens. When you go with a young man like that, you have to live with a young man like that."

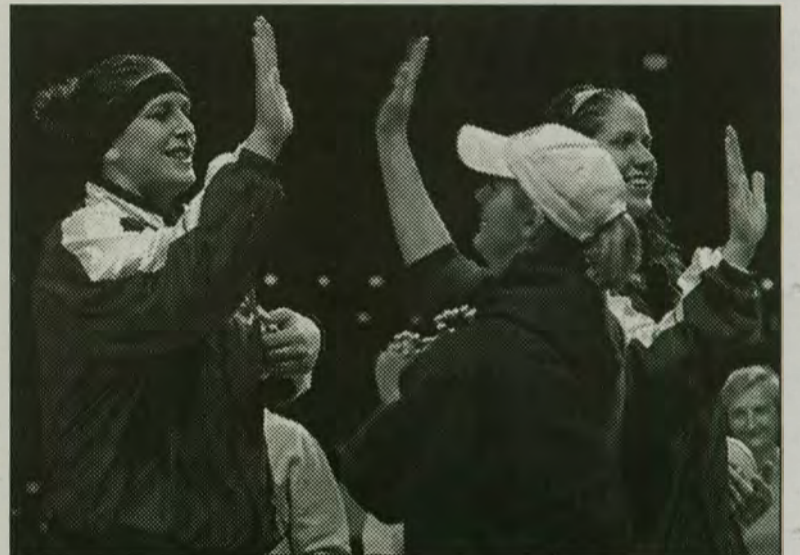
Douby never could solve the defense of Robinson.

"He was quick going over the screens," the freshman said. "He's a lot stronger and he had a couple of inches on me. It was just hard getting my shot. He fronted me and was riding me. They did a great job."

Then Douby brightened. "I can't let that get me down," he said. "I've got plenty of time ahead of me."

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Final four arrive in New Orleans



Minnesota center Janel McCarville, gets a high five from a hockey player at a campus pep rally Thursday.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Dawn Staley remembers the games, of course. There also was a hospital visit to cheer up patients and a banquet.

That was 1991, the last time the women's Final Four was in New Orleans, when Staley won the MVP award for runner-up Virginia.

"That was old school," said Staley, now the Temple coach. "We just laced them up and played the games. Now everything is much more fan friendly. There are a lot more fans and a lot more for them to do."

The women's Final Four, once played in relative obscurity compared to the men's tournament, has enjoyed an increase in fans, TV ratings and talent.

Tennessee and Connecticut — two of the nation's most prominent programs — and LSU and Minnesota will play to full houses and on national television. The semifinals are Sunday and the title game Tuesday.

Ratings for the four regional finals were the highest since ESPN began exclusive coverage of the tournament in 1996. So far for this tournament, the network's ratings are up 57 percent from last year.

In the 1991 Final Four, 15,796 fans attended the two sessions. About 8,000 to 8,500 were at the championship game. And that impressed Ron Maestri, then the athletic director at the University of New Orleans, where the games were played.

"The final game was played on Easter Sunday, with an 11:30 tip-off," said Maestri, now the New Orleans Sports Foundation director for NCAA events. "That's really a rough time to get a crowd."

This year, the event will be in the New Orleans Arena, where all 18,000 seats have been sold out since last year. Next door in the Superdome, Hoop City, the 166,000-square-foot interactive display of games and basketball activities will host even more fans than the games.

Last year, a sellout crowd of 28,210 attended the championship at the Georgia Dome. The year before, 29,619 — the largest for the tournament — were at the Alamo Dome.

The women could have played in the Superdome this

year, as the men did in last year's Final Four with a crowd of 54,524. But they chose the smaller arena, even though it would cut attendance to the smallest crowd since 1998.

"The smaller arena obviously helps create a tight atmosphere," NCAA spokesman Scottie Rodgers said. "It makes logical sense that it will create a buzz and boost demand for seats next year."

The Arena, home of the NBA's Hornets, was designed for basketball, and Maestri thinks that will help the women.

"It's going to give them a great place to showcase their games," Maestri said. "Let's face it, you put 29,000 in the Superdome and it would look empty."

The women's Final Four switched its schedule last year, moving the championship game from Sunday to Tuesday, something the NCAA and ESPN hoped would allow for better cross-promotion with the men's tournament.

Although the gross receipts jumped by about \$1 million a year between 2000 and 2003, they dropped by about \$200,000 last year. That was because the TV money from ESPN is no longer figured into the women's basketball tournament revenue. The network pays the NCAA to cover 21 tournaments, with women's basketball included.

Last year, the NCAA absorbed \$5.8 million in losses for the tournament.

Although the NCAA pays expenses for the teams in the tournament, no money is dispensed to schools or conferences.

The men, however, can count on tremendous payoffs for advancing in the tournament. Money from the games goes to conferences — depending on how many teams from a league are in the tournament and how far they advance.

The Sun Belt, with one men's team in the tournament, gets a small dividend. The Big 12, with Texas and Kansas advancing to the Final Four last year, received about \$11 million, said conference spokesman Chris Tyson.

"The women's tournament is growing rapidly," Rodgers said. "We don't have a projection on when it will begin earning money, but we're confident it will."

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Track home opener set for this weekend

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The Irish look to find some spring in their step this weekend as they compete in their first home meet of the season. The 2004 spring opener will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

This will be the second full weekend of outdoor competition for the Irish as they play host to squads from Xavier, DePaul and Ball State along with Northern Michigan, Central Michigan and Western Michigan.

The team split up last weekend as half the group went to the Stanford Invitational and the other half traveled to the Purdue Invite. The road trips were a success as 17 athletes qualified for the Big East conference meet.

Assistant coach Tim Connelly expects another strong showing from the Irish as the team makes its home outdoor debut.

"Our goal is to compete well and get people qualified for the Big East Championships," he said.

A handful of Notre Dame runners such as Molly Huddle, Lauren King and

Kerry Meagher will not race this weekend. Besides having already qualified for the Big East, the long indoor season has taken its toll on them.

"We have a very long time until the NCAA meet," Connelly said. "A lot of our kids have been running since around October, and we have to be really, really careful we don't wear them out."

The NCAA outdoor meet will not take place this season until June 9-12 in Austin, Texas. Until then the Irish will be traveling to meets almost every weekend.

While Notre Dame boasts a state-of-the-art indoor track facility, the South Bend weather is not as conducive to outdoor track and field. The forecast calls for the weather to be partly cloudy with temperatures in the low 50s and Connelly definitely expects the weather to be a factor.

"If it's cold and windy it's pretty hard to run fast," he said. "Unless you're in the 100 meter dash and the wind is at your back the weather is going to be working against you."

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MLB

Bonds taking heat for possible steroid use

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 19th major league season was supposed to be about passing Willie Mays and chasing Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron on the career home run list.

Instead, Bonds is constantly being asked whether steroids helped make him one of the game's greatest sluggers.

Just two homers shy of tying Mays — his godfather — for third place on the all-time list, Bonds could even be forced to testify at a trial involving his personal trainer.

Can San Francisco's star slugger rise above it all, or will it affect his performance on the field?

"I'm just going to play the game of baseball," said the 39-year-old Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using steroids. "That's all I'm going to do. That's all I can do. I'm going to go out and play the game of baseball for the city of San Francisco and the Giants organization. I'll let my bat do the talking."

"I think it bothers everyone. Is life fair? That's how I look at it."

This will be the second straight trying season for the six-time NL MVP, who dealt with the death of his father last year.

Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged in February in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances.

Manager Felipe Alou has

expressed his confidence in Bonds' ability to stay focused through the distractions. Bonds' father, Bobby, died last season, and Bonds still batted .341 with 45 home runs and 90 RBIs.

Mays, who has been mentoring and coaching Bonds since his dad died, will travel to Houston and San Diego for San Francisco's first six games to be there if Bonds ties or passes him.

The Hall of Famer plans to present Bonds with a torch decorated with 25 tiny diamonds, symbolic of the number the slugger wears. Only Ruth (714) and Bonds' hero, Aaron (755), have hit more homers.

"We talked about that, and he really doesn't want to do it," Mays said of Bonds passing him. "When we talked, the main thing I expressed to him is, 'You have to do what you have to do — that means pass me, pass Ruth, try to get to Aaron if you can.' And that's what it's all about."

Bonds would like to get back to the World Series before he retires after falling six outs short of winning a ring in 2002. But there have been questions about whether the Giants did enough this offseason to make that a realistic possibility.

General manager Brian Sabean was forced to creatively overhaul the roster again after the reigning NL West champions lost right fielder Jose Cruz Jr., shortstop Rich Aurilia, catcher Benito Santiago and key relievers Joe Nathan and Tim Worrell — and Sabean's budget was down about \$8 million this year.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish take on Marquette, Miami

By ANN LOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

All the Irish needed was a breath of fresh air.

Coach Jay Louderback attributed the team's increased sense of confidence and tenacity to this week's outdoor practices.

"We really needed to get outside and play," Louderback said. "This week we had some really good practices because we played in weather we'd usually never play in. That was good for us."

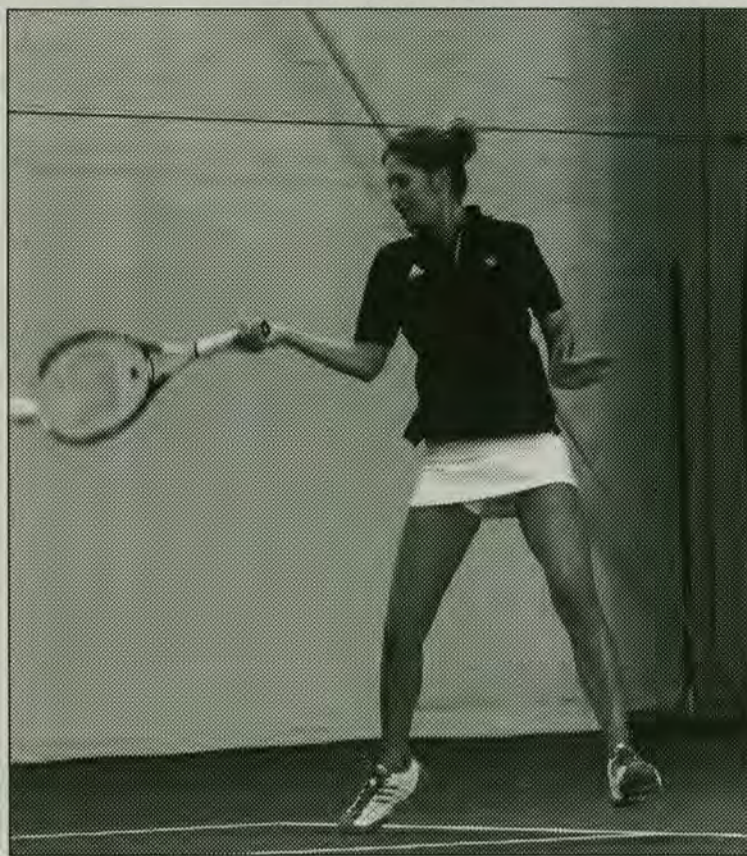
A lack of outdoor match experience was partly responsible for last weekend's disappointing losses, Louderback said. No. 33 Wake Forest overwhelmed the No. 23 Irish 7-0. No. 9 North Carolina followed suit, defeating the Irish 5-0.

This weekend, the Irish hope to atone for last weekend's losses as they face Marquette (3-12) Saturday and No. 15 Miami (8-9) Sunday. Louderback anticipates that garnering a win against both teams will be a daunting task.

Marquette returns from a tough 7-0 loss to Florida International Sunday. Louderback described the team's performance as variable this season.

"They've had a lot of injuries," Louderback said. "They have a solid team when everyone is playing, but we don't know what their lineup will be like for the meet."

The team's ability to focus on the task at hand will pose a challenge for the Irish against the Golden Eagles. Heading into the meet, Louderback fears the players' thoughts will center on Sunday's match against Miami.



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Sophomore Lauren Connelly hits a forehand against Wisconsin. The Irish face Marquette and Miami this weekend.

"We have to be ready for everyone, not just the ranked teams," Louderback said. "First we have to look at Marquette and then we can think about the Miami meet."

Sunday's match against rival Miami will determine the No. 1 seed going into the Big East Tournament. The Red Hawks bring a greatly improved lineup to the courts, compared to last year's team. They boast talented players at the top of the lineup. Although Miami fell to No. 57 Marshall 7-0 last weekend,

Louderback emphasized that the Irish are not taking the match lightly.

"I think one of our main challenges against Miami will be keeping our emotions in check," Louderback said. "It's going to be a very emotional match, but I think our kids are used to tough matches against them."

"Our kids always keep fighting. They've never given up a match ever — not even in practice."

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Golfweek Men's Golf Top 20

	team	record	rating
1	Florida	131-5-2	69.89
2	Clemson	98-19-4	70.35
3	Georgia	92-29-0	70.59
4	UCLA	94-14-3	70.73
5	Georgia Tech	99-34-2	70.86
6	Oklahoma State	75-25-1	70.88
7	Texas	78-39-2	70.92
8	Arizona State	88-27-1	71.00
9	Texas Christian	88-31-2	71.04
10	Arizona	68-43-4	71.30
11	South Carolina	102-29-1	71.33
12	UNLV	60-40-4	71.34
13	Minnesota	54-25-2	71.36
14	BYU	97-17-2	71.42
15	California	101-23-1	71.44
16	Southern California	63-41-2	71.48
17	New Mexico	82-34-0	71.49
18	Augusta State	56-45-0	71.49
19	Arkansas	81-38-0	71.53
20	Oklahoma	74-48-0	71.55

Golfweek Women's Golf Top 20

	team	record	rating
1	Duke	94-2-1	70.08
2	UCLA	94-11-1	71.44
3	Ohio State	89-17-0	72.45
4	Georgia	83-26-0	72.49
5	California	71-19-1	72.61
6	New Mexico	83-13-0	72.72
7	Vanderbilt	89-21-0	72.89
8	Oklahoma State	76-24-1	73.06
9	Southern California	64-28-0	73.09
10	Arizona	77-30-1	73.17
11	Auburn	71-25-3	73.18
12	Washington	68-17-0	73.37
13	Florida	56-39-1	73.55
14	Michigan State	77-16-2	73.72
15	Tulane	60-37-0	72.74
16	Tulsa	70-33-2	73.83
17	Texas	47-44-2	73.84
18	Oklahoma	84-34-0	73.88
19	Wake Forest	44-47-1	74.07
20	North Carolina	53-40-1	74.24

ESPN Baseball Top 20

	team	record	points
1	Stanford	20-3	974
2	Texas	28-4	971
3	LSU	21-4	907
4	Rice	20-6	888
5	Miami	22-5	800
6	South Carolina	21-4	748
7	Mississippi	20-3	683
8	Long Beach State	18-7	671
9	NOTRE DAME	17-3	647
10	Arizona State	21-7	575
11	Auburn	20-6	542
12	Wichita State	12-2	540
13	Florida	24-5	514
14	Texas A&M	23-6	488
15	Southern Mississippi	20-4	462
16	Tulane	19-7	344
17	Nebraska	16-5	315
18	North Carolina	20-6	314
19	Florida State	21-7	266
20	Florida Atlantic	25-5	260

GOLF



Arnold Palmer is greeted by friends and fans as he leaves the eighth green at the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla. March 18. Palmer is set to play in his 50th and final Masters next week.

Palmer to bid farewell to adoring army

Associated Press

All it took was one round of golf for Brad Faxon to discover the magic of Arnold Palmer.

They were paired together for the first time 20 years ago at The Players Championship, a 22-year-old in his first full season on the PGA Tour playing with the man responsible for what golf had become.

"He said one thing to me I'll never forget," Faxon said. "He said, 'The key out here is to look everybody in the eye, to make eye contact.' He was talking about the fans."

A guy who spends a half-century of golf putting people first is bound to make

a few friends.

Arnie had a whole army of them.

The troops will gather at Augusta National again this year to bid farewell to Palmer, who is playing his 50th consecutive — and final — Masters.

"It's going to be exciting for me," Palmer said. "And it's going to be somewhat sentimental. It's kind of an opportunity to say goodbye to all of the fans who have been so supportive over the last 50 years, and have been the reason that I have played as long as I have."

Gene Sarazen hit the shot that put the Masters on the map. Jack Nicklaus has more green jackets.

Tiger Woods is behind the exponential growth in prize money.

Palmer was simply the king.

"I remember waking up when I was 5 or 6 years old, and waiting for the paperboy at 5 in the morning to drop off the paper so I could see how Arnie did at the Masters," Jeff Sluman said. "I would come running into the kitchen and yell, 'Arnie shot 68!'"

This is the 40th anniversary of Palmer's fourth Masters, the last of his seven professional majors.

Palmer hasn't made the cut since 1983. That was also the last time he broke par at Augusta National.

None of it matters.

No one cares about the score, only that he plays.

"Every time Arnie plays a round, it's like a celebration," Faxon said. "I'm sure it's getting old for Arnie because he's not competitive like he used to be. But nobody enjoys doing it like him. I think it's awesome."

For Palmer, it has always been about the fans.

He was asked recently for his fondest memories of the Masters. It wasn't his first trip down Magnolia Lane, the jokes told during the Champions Dinner or any of his four victories.

"The fans. The people," Palmer said.

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Georgia Tech at Oklahoma State, 6 p.m.,
CBS

Connecticut at Duke, 9 p.m., CBS

NHL

Chicago at Phoenix, 4 p.m., FOX Chicago
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Williams advances to final in return from injury

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. —Serena Williams' comeback has the momentum of an overhead slam.

Playing her first tournament since July, Williams advanced to the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open by beating Eleni Daniilidou 6-4, 6-4 Thursday.

Her opponent Saturday will be the winner of the all-Russian semifinal Thursday night between No. 5-seeded Elena Dementieva and No. 8 Nadia Petrova.

"As far as I've gotten is a major confidence boost, regardless of what happens," Williams said. "I really, really am proud of myself because it's hard to come back. It's nerve-racking."

Andy Roddick reached the men's semifinals by winning the last four games to beat No. 5 Carlos Moya 5-7, 6-2, 7-5. Roddick, seeded second, is

bidding for his first Key Biscayne title.

Indians eager to trade Bradley

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Milton Bradley might soon be someone else's center fielder — and problem. The Cleveland Indians have apparently had enough of his antics.

The club is trying to trade Bradley, who was barred from Cleveland's training camp Thursday, one day after he was pulled from an exhibition game by manager Eric Wedge for not running out a pop fly.

Indians general manager Mark Shapiro has discussed a trade involving Bradley with as many as eight teams, and "four or five are legitimate and serious."

Bradley was expected to bat cleanup for the Indians this season. But the 25-year-old outfielder, who

has a troubled history on and off the field, will play elsewhere once the Indians can strike a deal.

"It's unfortunate where we are right now, but we have to do what's best for the ballclub," Wedge said.

Although the season opener is Monday, Shapiro said there is no timetable to make a trade. The Indians are at a disadvantage because teams know they want to make a deal, but having so many involved actually helps Cleveland, he said.

With Bradley's expected trade, both Coco Crisp and Alex Escobar will probably make the Indians' 25-man opening day roster.

Wedge had planned to keep just one extra outfielder, and the speedy Crisp appeared to be on his way to Triple-A Buffalo to start the season.

"I have no idea what's going to happen now," said Crisp.

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On First Fridays, we will pray for and remember all who have died in the conflict in Iraq, especially innocent civilians, and we will pray, as well, for peacemakers and all who yearn for peace with justice for all God's people.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish hope to stop Hokies

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The Irish hope to turn it all around for the Hokies this weekend, as the No. 37 Irish look to break the seven-match win streak of No. 54 Virginia Tech Sunday.

After a 4-3 win over Ball State last weekend, the Irish have had several days to get back to full speed. The illnesses of Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott, the team's two top singles players, made a win over Mid-American conference powerhouse Ball State more challenging.

"We've been playing outside this week," junior tri-captain

Brent D'Amico said. "We practiced for the last three days and had a day off today."

"We've also gone inside just in case we play indoors, we're just trying to prepare for both of them."

Additionally, the team worked on doubles, which have been inconsistent this season. The Irish dropped the point against Ball State, with only Haddock and Scott winning a match, at No. 2.

"I'm pretty sure [Haddock and Scott] will play," D'Amico said. "Everyone will be playing this weekend, for sure."

The Hokies boast a 12-8 record and feature singles powerhouse Andreas Laulund, ranked No. 57 nationally.

"I don't think we're preparing for anything specifically,

just the whole team," said D'Amico, noting that both he and Scott have faced Laulund in the past.

However, the team will be depending on its younger players for wins this weekend.

Stephen Bass has won 10 of his last 12 matches, improving to 14-4 in dual matches and 20-6 overall playing at No. 3 and 4. Ryan Keckely, who battled nagging ankle injuries at the beginning of the season, clinched the win against Ball State for the Irish under considerable pressure. Barry King and Eric Langenkamp also won matches to put the Irish on the board.

The Irish played Virginia Tech twice last year, winning 5-2 both times.

A third straight victory against the Hokies — that's what the Irish are all about.

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"Everyone will be playing this weekend, for sure."

Brent D'Amico
Junior captain

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Rogers looks to make mark this weekend

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Practice makes perfect. Or at least gets you into the starting lineup, as in the case of Rebecca Rogers, the Irish senior co-captain. Rogers is taking part in her first tournament since the Notre Dame Invitational held Sept. 27-28, and is in the scoring lineup for the first time since last season.

"I worked on a lot of stuff in the off-season. I definitely wanted to play competitively," Rogers said.

Her coach is glad to see the hard work pay off.

"We're all really happy for her," third-year head coach Debby King said. "She's really worked hard."

The Irish are set to play in the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington this weekend. The field is made up of 15 teams, including some familiar nemeses. At the Baylor Shootout two weeks ago, Missouri finished one spot behind this week's host Indiana, who won the tournament.

"There's definitely pressure to play well," King said. "It's one of the strongest fields yet."

The tournament starts at 8 a.m. Saturday at the par-74 Indiana University Golf course. It is a 54-hole event, with each team playing two rounds Saturday and the final round beginning Sunday morning. Scoring will be in the 'six-count-four' format, with each team represented by six golfers and the four lowest scores counting towards the team total.

In hopes of rediscovering a way to play the way they did in the fall, which was the best

semester in the history of Notre Dame women's golf, the team has begun a slightly modified practice schedule.

"We've really been working on [having] more productive practice rounds, and really just paying more attention to the golf course," King said.

Meanwhile, Rogers secured her bus ticket to Bloomington on Tuesday, when the team concluded its intra-squad qualifying rounds.

"More than anything, I think the difference was mental," Rogers said. "A lot of it has to do with confidence."

Joining Rogers this weekend will be freshmen Noriko Nakazaki and Stacey Brown, sophomores Katie Brophy and Sarah Bassett and junior Karen Lotta. Nakazaki has paced the team this year, leading the team in scoring average. Brophy, Bassett and Lotta have each competed in both of the team's two previous outings, and Brown returns to the lineup after missing the

Baylor Shootout. As her Notre Dame golf career enters the home stretch, the hard-working Rogers has been able to keep things in perspective.

"It's the spring of my senior year," Rogers said. "I want to be able to enjoy myself."

She remains optimistic about the team she co-captains, both for this weekend and the season.

"I feel good," Rogers said. "We've been able to play the course, we've gotten good weather, we're motivated, and there's still a lot of golf to play."

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Rebecca Rogers
Irish golfer

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish rebound to split doubleheader with Broncos

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After seeing its eight-game winning streak come to an end, Notre Dame came right back to start a new one.

The Irish (24-10) dropped the first game of a doubleheader against Western Michigan by the score of 2-0, before coming back to earn the split with a 5-1 victory in the second game.

It was Notre Dame's last non-conference matchup before heading into Big East play this afternoon against Connecticut. The Irish bats went cold in the first game, as the team could only manage one hit off Bronco starter Laura Stewart.

Stewart pitched a no-hitter against Oakland Tuesday, and nearly had her second consecutive no-hitter before Notre Dame's Sara Schoonaert doubled in the third inning for the only

Irish hit of the game.

"Stewart did a really nice job against us, but we helped her out a lot too," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We just weren't patient hitters and weren't good situational hitters at all."

Heather Booth, who allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings, took the loss.

The Irish came back with a vengeance in game two, scoring four runs in the first inning against Western Michigan's Jaymie Voss.

Stefanie Brown and Nicole deFau started the game off with consecutive singles, and Megan Ciolli advanced both runners with a groundout in front of the catcher. Meghan Ruthrauff loaded the bases on a fielder's choice, and Mallorie Lenn followed with a single that plated two runs.

Lenn advanced to second and Ruthrauff to third on the throw, and Liz Hartmann followed with

a walk to load the bases once more. Schoonaert followed with a single that plated two more runs to give the Irish a 4-0 lead. Steffany Stenglein struck out and Gessica Hufnagle grounded out to shortstop to end the top of the first.

"That's the way we need to play every game," Gumpf said. "We came ready to play in the second game and that's what we're capable of every time. We were flat and not ready to play in that first game."

Western Michigan's Kristi Strange collected an RBI double in the fourth to cut the lead to three runs. Hartmann connected on a solo home run in the sixth inning to finish the scoring for the Irish.

Stenglein collected the complete-game victory, allowing four hits while striking out six.

Notre Dame will face Connecticut (13-12, 1-1 in the Big East) today in a doublehead-



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Megan Ciolli slides in a game last year against St. John's.

er starting at 4 p.m., and takes on Boston College (19-12, 1-1) Sunday in a two-game series beginning at 11 a.m.

"The bottom line about [Thursday] is that I'm glad we've got some momentum going into [today's] game [against

Connecticut]," Gumpf said. "Now we just need to start thinking about UConn. That's all that really matters now, is trying to beat UConn."

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A Seton Hall player tags out an Irish runner last season. Notre Dame split their doubleheader with Western Michigan Thursday.

SMC TENNIS

Belles looking strong since spring break

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

These days, the Belles look unbeatable.

Having won five straight since returning from spring break, Saint Mary's looks to extend its winning streak this weekend facing in-state rival Valparaiso at home today. The team has looked very impressive as of late.

"We're on a really good roll since spring break, and I think all of our match preparation during break training is starting to pay off," said Kristen Palombo, who has won her last four singles matches. "We're seeing the results, and we're looking forward to this weekend with games here against Valparaiso and Saturday at the University of Chicago."

The biggest win this season for the Belles came last week in a 5-4 victory over rival Hope that has large implications for conference standings. They have also made short work of their other opponents, including shutouts against Tri-State University and Alma College. Now they turn their focus to Valparaiso.

"We're looking forward to it. Even though it's really cold, and we'll be freezing our fannies off, we'll keep practicing to get better," freshman Grace

Gordon said. "We're not as worried about this team as we were against a team like Hope, but we'll still come prepared to play."

The Belles are looking forward to the match to sharpen their skills and face some new competition, but at the same time, they are happy to have a break from the demands of conference play.

"Hopefully we'll continue the streak. These are nice matches because they don't count for conference," Palombo said. "There is a lot less stress, a lot less pressure, in these matches. But whenever you play, it's still always good to win."

And the Belles are excited about playing without the pressure.

"There is definitely a lot less pressure," Gordon said. "I mean, we have fun all the time, of course, but we definitely find it easier to enjoy ourselves during these matches. We're a lot less nervous, and we don't get worried about getting down in the match."

"Matches like the ones we have this weekend help us to improve. We can work on strategies, and maybe experiment, or do something different on the court to improve our game on the whole."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

No overlooking unranked Dartmouth

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Downtime is not an option. When it comes down to the fourth quarter in their Dartmouth game this weekend, don't expect the No. 13 Irish (2-4) to bow to pressure. Rather, the team plans to thrive on the game's challenges.

"We relaxed a little [in a loss to Ohio State] and you can't do that in lacrosse," attack Pat Walsh said. "We stopped executing and before you knew it, they were up. We need to get out hard and stay like that."

Walsh identified the fourth quarter as the team's Achilles heel. The Buckeyes took advantage of this weakness, rallying in the fourth to overcome a 7-4 deficit to win 9-8.

The Irish are led by Dan Berger and Matt Howell, who both had two goals against Ohio State.

Walsh also spearheads the Irish efforts, registering one goal and two assists in Wednesday's game. He is currently the leading scorer in the Great Western Lacrosse League and fourth in the nation.

Stewart Crosland was the conference leader in GAA and

save percentage in 2003. After six games, Crosland has already recorded 77 saves. His career total is 273, and he is currently seventh on the Irish career saves list.

Midfield Brian Giordano was also recently named the GWLL Player of the Week after his performance against No. 13 Hofstra when he scored five goals in the 19-11 Irish win.

Despite a 2-4 record, Notre Dame is fifth in Division I in converting extra-man opportunities at .480.

The Irish also rank third in the nation in scoring, averaging 13.40 goals per game.

Dartmouth is the first unranked opponent Notre Dame will face this season. However, Dartmouth will not be an easy foe to contend

with.

"After the Ohio State loss, we just need to play hard," Walsh said. "This is an important game for us."

Dartmouth is currently on a five-game winning streak after

falling to Rutgers earlier this season to remain 5-1.

They are led by attack Jamie Coffin, who has recorded 15 goals and six assists for the year. Midfield Ben Grinnell has also been an integral part of the team's success, contributing 18 points. Andrew Goldstein has a 6.9 GAA and leads the team in ground balls with

"We aren't lacking confidence, we just need to compete for 60 minutes and not just two or three quarters.."

Pat Walsh
attack

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Although unranked, the team is receiving votes in the USILA national rankings and has been outscoring their opponents by more than five goals per game. Furthermore, Dartmouth is also returning seven starters from last year's team.

This is the first time the two teams have faced each other since 1997, when the Irish defeated the Big Green 14-13 in Hanover, N.H.

Although Dartmouth is having a successful season, the Irish are confident that they are secure in their abilities.

"We aren't lacking confidence, we just need to compete for 60 minutes and not just two or three quarters," Walsh said.

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ROWING

No. 20 Irish send two teams to San Diego

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Senior Staff Writer

The newly ranked Irish will make their third appearance at the 31st annual San Diego Crew Classic this weekend. Notre Dame's impressive racing last weekend boosted the Irish into No. 20 spot in the season's first USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association poll.

Though Notre Dame was unranked in the preseason poll, with excellent racing, highlighted by a varsity four boat victory and a varsity eight crew second-place finish to No. 2 Michigan in Ann Arbor last weekend, they have earned national recognition.

Currently, Ohio State leads the poll with 383 points and 10 first-place points.

At the Michigan regatta, the Irish also raced No. 8 Michigan State, Clemson and Eastern Michigan. In the first varsity four race, Notre Dame's crew of coxswain Kathy Long, Katie O'Hara, Danielle Stealy, Pam Jefson and Kristen Mizzi built off a strong lead to win their race three seconds ahead of the Spartans. The Wolverines fell to third in 7:19.9, while the Tigers followed in 7:36.1 and Eastern Michigan took last in 8:02.0.

"The boat had an amazing

start which lead to a significant lead during the first quarter of the race," Mizzi said. "After that, we were incredibly aggressive on every stroke and were able to maintain our lead against four very tough crews."

The Irish varsity eight boat also boasted an notable second-place finish behind the Wolverines. Though Notre Dame's coxswain Maureen Gibbons, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Rachel Polinski, Melissa Felker, Katie Chenoweth,

Danielle Protasewich and Jacqueline Hazen maintained a lead 1,000 meters in to the race, Michigan edged them out, crossing the finish line five seconds ahead of the Irish. Clemson took third in 6:34.3 and Eastern Michigan finished in 6:40.2.

The Irish will send two boats to compete in the San Diego Classic. The first varsity eight boat will row in the celebrated Jessop-Whittier Cup. The crew will compete against top-ranked teams such as Stanford, Southern California, Washington State, Tennessee, Washington, California and Texas.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Undefeated Irish take on Huskies

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish (7-0, 2-0 Big East) look to extend their school-record 11-game winning streak when Notre Dame journeys to Storrs, Conn., to lock horns with Connecticut in a Big East battle Saturday at noon.

The Huskies (2-5, 0-1 Big East) represent the final team in a three-game stretch against Big East opponents for the Irish before they return to conference play April 17 in a showdown at No. 2 Georgetown.

If their play over the season's first seven games is any indication, the Irish shouldn't have much trouble taking care of the Huskies.

"Every conference game is important, and we never take [the Huskies] lightly," coach Tracy Coyne said. "They have some good players, but they're struggling a bit right now. Whenever it's a conference game, it's a rivalry, and we don't worry too much about the records, just going out and executing."

Notre Dame picked up the first of its two conference victories March 26, with a convincing 18-11 win over Virginia Tech at the Loftus Sports Complex.

Attack Jackie Bowers and attack/middle Meredith Simon paced the Irish offense as Bowers recorded a career-high five goals and Simon equaled a season-best with seven points (four goals, three assists). In addition, middle Abby Owen (three goals, one assist), attack Lauren Fischer (two goals, one assist), and middle/attack Crysti Foote (two goals, one assist) all chipped in by finding the back of the net on at least two occasions.

While Virginia Tech managed to hang around for a little more than half the contest, narrowing the Irish lead to 8-5 with 27:57 remaining, Notre Dame shut the door on any Hokie comeback hopes with a 5-0 second half run.

"We had a two-week layoff [going into the Virginia Tech game] so we were a little rusty," Coyne said. "Virginia Tech was quick and fast, and we just didn't execute as well as we did Sunday [against Boston College]."

Sunday afternoon brought a new opponent, yet yielded a similar result as the Irish took advantage of three separate five-goal streaks to deliver a 17-7 thrashing of Boston College.

"Our goal was to be 2-0 in Big East and I was happy about the way that we went about accomplishing that goal," Coyne said. "We had excellent transitions and just moved the ball around very well."

Recording two of the three runs in the game's first 28 minutes, the Irish found themselves staked to a comfortable 10-3 halftime lead and on their way to a school-

record 7-0 start. Notre Dame would go on to build a 13-goal advantage at 17-4 before allowing to a trio of Golden Eagles tallies at game's end.

"We knew if we came out, stuck to our game plan, and executed fundamentals," Coyne said, "[the game] could end up [being a rout]."

Foote posted four goals, Fischer had a tally and a career-high three assists and Simon continued her season-long dominance with her own four-goal game and second in as many contests.

Simon's weekend performance earned her Big East Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season and middle/defense Andrea Kinnik took home some hardware of her own as the Big East Co-Defensive Player of the Week.

"Our goal was to be 2-0 in the Big East, and I was happy about the way we went about accomplishing that goal."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer
Junior defender Jess Mikala cuts to the ball in a February exhibition match.

After taking on the Huskies, the Irish head home to host Ohio on April 6.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to face tough MIAA rival Albion

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Despite a 5-6 record, Adrian will present Saint Mary's with some challenges this weekend.

Last year, Adrian stole two conference games away from the Belles, beating Saint Mary's were 9-2 and 4-3. In those games, Saint Mary's Bridget Grall had four hits.

So far, the Bulldogs have a conference record of 0-1 after being upended by Alma. However, as their second game was coming to a close with a score of 4-4, the contest was cancelled due to darkness.

Saturday's meeting will be Adrian's first game since then, and Saint Mary's needs to come out ready to play if they want to win. Currently, the Belles are coming off a 1-0 win making their record 8-12 on the season and 1-3 in the MIAA.

Laura Heline once again proved why she leads the team in batting average in Wednesday's second game as she and teammate Erin Sullivan came away with two hits apiece.

On the season, she is first with an average of .455 and has an on-base percentage of .538.

Out of the eight teams in the conference, the Belles are in fifth-place in the league.

As coach Anna Welsh said after the doubleheader against Alma, the offense is a crucial element for the success of the team on Saturday and for the rest season. The pitchers have given up a combined nine runs over the last five games.

The defense's ability to limit the amount of runs being scored has given the team a chance to win every night they play. But as the pitching begins to come along, more runs needs to be scored especially as the conference tournament slowly approaches.

After tomorrow's doubleheader, Saint Mary's will reach the halfway point of its conference play with some difficult competition looming in the near future.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish duo named Players of the Week

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Two week-long dominating performances by Notre Dame softball team (23-9) earned mention from the Big East Conference Monday, as sophomore first base Meagan Ruthrauff was named the conference Player of the Week and junior pitcher Steffany Stenglein the Pitcher of the Week. The Player of the Week award is the second for Ruthrauff this season, while Stenglein earns her first accolade of the 2004 season.

Ruthrauff and Stenglein were two of the main reasons the Irish finished last week with a perfect

4-0 record and outscored their opponents 19-4. Ruthrauff was close to unstoppable at the plate, going seven for 12 (.583) with three home runs and 10 RBI in four games. She contributed the game-winning hits in three of the four victories and slammed two three-run home runs last week. She was previously named the Big East Player of the Week on March 1 this season.

Stenglein's week was highlighted by her second career perfect game at Valparaiso on Tuesday, March 23. In a six-inning 9-0 victory over the Crusaders, she struck out a career-high 14 batters.

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backer Mike Goolsby said. "It's not even a big discussion around here."

"Regardless of who said the comment, you have to look at it and say, is it true or false?" linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. "In my mind, it is false."

Hornung told WXYT-AM radio in Detroit Tuesday night that Notre Dame must "ease it up a bit" in its admission of athletes, especially African-Americans.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned because we've got to get the black athlete," he said. "We must get the black athlete if we want to compete."

Hoyte and receiver Carlyle Holiday each said they were not personally offended by the comments. Hoyte also said he believes Hornung's perception of the athlete admissions process is skewed and that the University should not lower its standards or "ease it up a bit," as suggested.

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Hoyte said. "I came to Notre D a m e because I know it's a b o u t being the best — in terms of academics, athletics and as a person."

"I came to Notre Dame because it's about being the best — in terms of academics, athletics and as a person."

Brandon Hoyte
Irish Linebacker

Goolsby agreed. "I have friends that play [football] at other schools," he said. "Nothing against those schools, but I'm proud I go here because we do everything right."

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"I don't really think anything of it. It's not even a big discussion around here."

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Defense

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line. Linebackers Hoyte and Derek Curry return, as well, and Quentin Burrell — who may not practice this spring either — return to start in the secondary.

Senior linebacker Mike Goolsby sat out last season due to injury and will return to the Irish lineup. This makes the linebacker core the veterans of this defensive unit.

"As linebackers we have a lot of experience coming back so we expect a lot of ourselves," Goolsby said.

The question mark this spring rests in the Irish secondary. With four starters graduating over the last two seasons, many young players have the opportunity to make an impact.

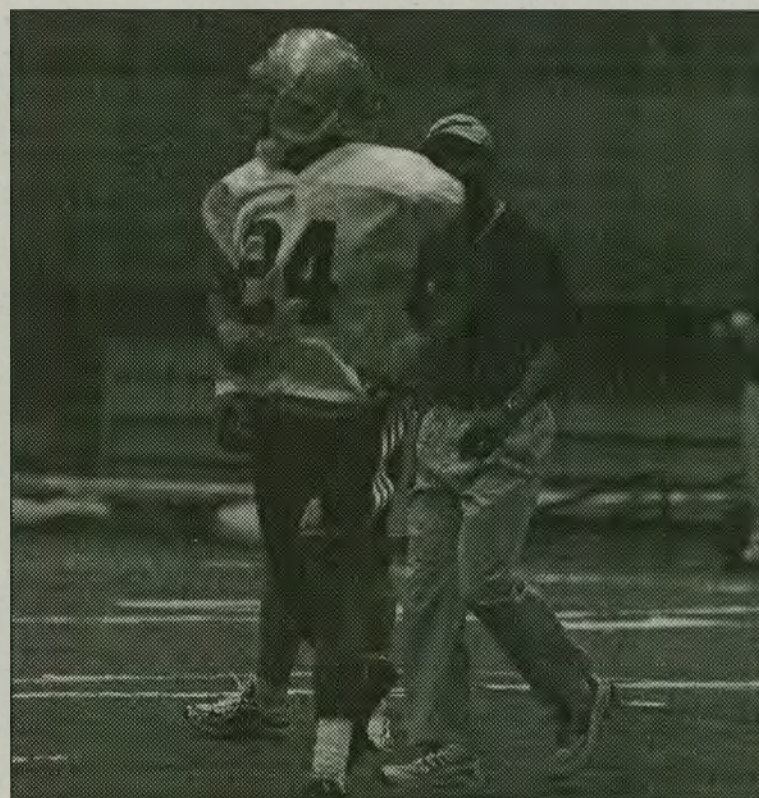
"As a staff, we have a lot of confidence in the secondary," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "We need to really count on the veterans."

Baer pointed to Burrell, Preston Jackson, Lionel Bolen and Dwight Ellick as the experienced players who must show the new players the ropes.

"I'm really excited about the young secondary," Goolsby said. "There's some great athletes back there, and they're real excited to play."

Players like sophomores Isaiah Gardner, Freddie Parrish and Tom Zbikowski are working to prove themselves and obtain spots in the defensive rotation.

"We've got athletes on this team," Jackson said. "The young guys are smart and they play hard. Our confi-



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Irish cornerback Dwight Ellick jogs during practice. The Irish secondary must replace two starters this fall.

dence level will be high."

Any defensive player could take responsibility for disappointments of a losing 2003 season. Still, Hoyte and other players understand that the formula for success lies in attitude as a defensive unit. Spring practice provides the perfect opportunity for the Irish defense to regain its identity.

"Hunger is not something you can teach," Hoyte said.

Notre Dame surrendered 213 yards per game passing last season, less than 10 yards more than the 204.8 yards per game the team surrendered in 2002. The Irish gave up 127.2 yards per game on

the ground, much more than the 95.5 yards opponents gained running the ball the previous season.

The difference, though, lay in points. The team surrendered 16.7 points per game two seasons ago, but opponents racked up an average of 26.2 points in 2003.

"I think it's been going on all winter," Goolsby said. "People realize what we did wrong, what we needed to correct out there, and this is kind of the embodiment of it when we put it together on the field."

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Irish Athletics

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Bookstore

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comes towards ranking teams."

The commissioners also have the daunting task of sifting through hundreds of humorous names and picking a "Top 10." Among this year's selections were "We hit it from deep and we're good in the box," "The homeless center and four guys who give him booze," "Less defense than a prom dress" and "Phil Mickelson's man boobs."

One of this weekend's matchups features "'Solitary, Poor, Nasty, Brutish and Short" against "Cheese and Crackers."

"That's from Thomas Hobbes' 'Leviathan,'" said team captain Derek Webb, a graduate student with the political science department. "Hobbes says that 'in the state of nature, life is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short,' so we thought that would be a good name for us."

"He's a good resource for bookstore team names," Webb added, noting that his team from Tournament XXXI, Leviathan, went to the third round.

He enters the tournament with faculty member Andy Gould and three fellow graduate students, who played together last year.

However, not all teams enter with that level of experience or intellectual thought behind their names. Five Fisher freshmen put together "Campus Diversity: a Jew, a Mormon, a Mexican and two guys from Philly."

"We formed [the team] about a week before spring break," captain Stephen Friend said. "We talked, went around to each other and asked for suggestions, I came up for the idea for the team name because all of us are different — we all thought it was kind of funny."

The team has only practiced once prior to their first-round matchup scheduled for this weekend.

Other highlights of the name

chart:

◆We Came, We Saw, We Lost
◆5 Hot Girls Who Will Probably Lose In the First Round But Are Hoping To Get Lucky

◆Bring On the Blonde Jokes
Dolly Parton, Boat Club, and Three Other Big Busts

◆My Moose Brings All the Girls to the Yard

◆The Well Hung Jury

◆Marvin Gaye? Fine By Me

◆The NCAA Overlooked Us Too

◆Will Ferrell Would Have Been a Better Commencement Speaker

◆Like Mike Ditka on Levitra, We're Hard to Beat

◆This \$20 Could Have Bought a Lot of Beer

◆4 Years and Lots of Beers Ago We'd Have Had a Chance

◆Rock Chalk du Lac

◆Proud of Our PE-ness

◆Malpractice Waiting to Happen

◆The Queens of Benzene

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and

Tuesday, April 6th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Coleman-Morse Lounge (1st Floor)

For a panel discussion led by

Notre Dame Students:

"Desegregation and the South Bend Schools"

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injury — both went 2-for-4 in the game.

"I thought they all played very well," Mainieri said. "It's not easy to not play for so long and then go in there and expect your instincts and reactions to be there, but those kids did. They went out there, and they played a good ballgame all-around."

Several Irish pitchers also got a chance to show their stuff on the mound against the Chargers as Chris Vasami, Joe Thaman, Ryan Doherty, Matt Whittington, Rico Bertucci and Scott Bickford each got in at least one inning of action. The freshman Vasami was the pitcher of record for Notre Dame, getting his first collegiate win in allowing two runs (neither earned) on four hits in three innings.

The Irish struck first blood in the game, getting two runs in the second inning on a monster shot over the right field fence from left fielder Steve Andres. Freshman Mike Dury and Cooper also both had home runs in the game. Cooper's dinger was his second in as many days.

The Irish scored in six of the eight innings they batted and, for the most part, were never really threatened in the eight-run victory.

Notre Dame now must turn its attention to Big East play and Villanova, as the Irish host the Wildcats (17-5-1, 3-0) in a three-game series this weekend.

The Wildcats have gotten off to an unusually hot start this season, as they swept a three-game series from Georgetown last weekend. Villanova's solid play and tough pitching has Mainieri more than concerned.

"We've got a big weekend. This weekend starts the big push for us," he said. "Villanova is undefeated in conference. They have outstanding pitching. If you look at their pitching stats, it's almost scary."

The Wildcats currently lead the Big East in pitching with a 3.55 team ERA and .246 opponents' batting average. The Irish fall in right behind the Wildcats in second with a team ERA of 3.55 and opponents batting average of .246.

The Wildcats displayed some of that tough pitching in an unusual 0-0, 11-inning tie with LaSalle Tuesday night.

The matchup with the Wildcats will prove to be the first home contest in league play for the Irish, and

Mainieri is hoping to use the home-field advantage to remain undefeated in the Big East.

"[Villanova is] 17-5 and 3-0 in the conference, so as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't get any bigger for us than this, this far in the season," Mainieri said. "I'm hoping we're going to have a really great crowd, some great weather and go out there and play three really great ball games this weekend."

Play begins at Frank Eck Stadium with a doubleheader at noon Saturday, followed by a single game at noon Sunday.

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"They went out there, and they played a good ballgame all-around."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

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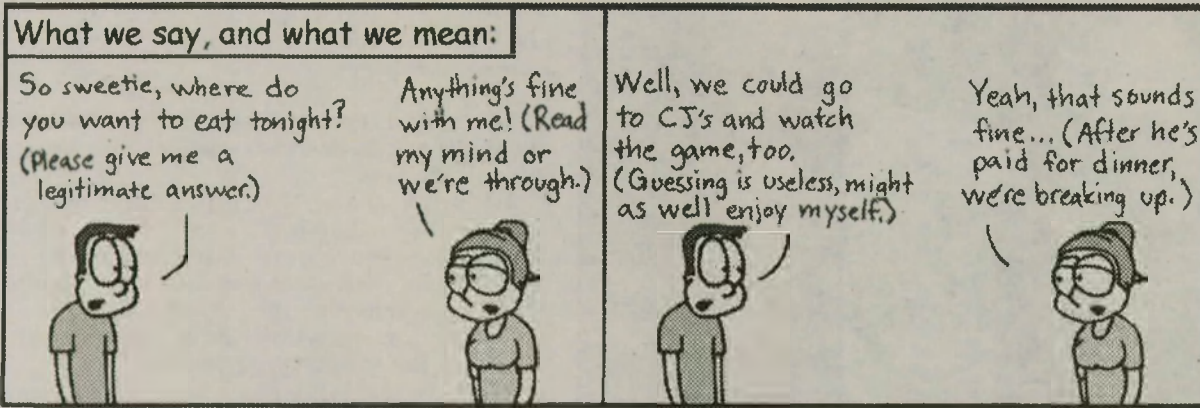
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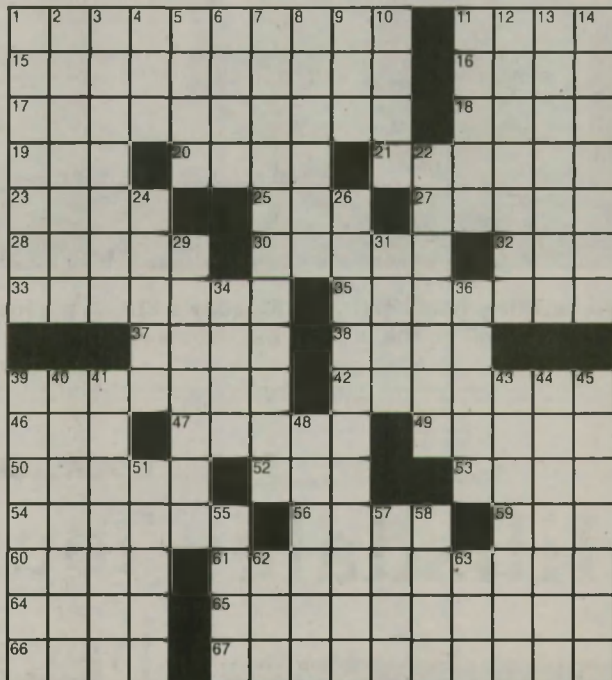
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Item on an auto shop checklist
 - 11 Court grp.
 - 15 Buoyancy
 - 16 Nair rival
 - 17 Tenderfoot
 - 18 Taunt
 - 19 "Lord, is ___?"
 - 20 Forgo
 - 21 Soft drink brand
 - 23 Lowdown
 - 25 Slip on
 - 27 1957 Oscar winner Miyoshi
 - 28 "Felix Holt" novelist
 - 30 Time set, maybe, after a 7-Down
 - 32 Negative principle
 - 33 Library extension
 - 35 Thingies
 - 37 Korea Bay feeder
 - 38 Bandar ___ Begawan, capital of Brunei
 - 39 Determined
 - 42 Gardening job
 - 46 Special connections
 - 47 Bill Haley and His Comets recorded for it
 - 49 Big picture
 - 50 Thrash
 - 52 Drill sound
 - 53 Minute opening
 - 54 Many a trailer
 - 56 Magicianlike
 - 59 Program begun under F.D.R.
 - 60 Solid ground, in Stuttgart
- DOWN**
- 1 Hairstylist, maybe
 - 2 Despicable sort
 - 3 1897 Felix Hoffmann discovery
 - 4 White wine apéritif
 - 5 K, for one: Abbr.
 - 6 Over, overseas
 - 7 Informal invitation
 - 8 Accord
 - 9 Transportation regulator of old: Abbr.
 - 10 Bad marks
 - 11 Correct, as a feeding problem
 - 12 With 24-Down, agrees
 - 13 Diagnostic tool
 - 14 Realizes
 - 22 Dreary
 - 24 See 12-Down
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can expect others to look to you for answers. Be careful that you don't jeopardize your own emotional well-being in order to benefit someone else. Be sure to get your partner's approval. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Things at work have been moving quickly and you may be feeling a little uncertain about changes taking place. Make alternate plans just in case you need to make a career move. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get physical. Idle time will result in outbursts of temper and disagreements with others for the sake of debate. You need to express yourself creatively, so work on redecorating your space. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll get your feelings hurt at work. Don't take the foolishness of someone else to heart. Go about your business and your professionalism will shine through. ***

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of any small but annoying business or paperwork today. You should take time to drop in on someone you respect but don't get to spend too much time with. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your partner is going to want to confront those issues that you've been so conveniently sidestepping. Be prepared to be cornered and have your answers well-rehearsed. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on professional goals. You may have to manipulate situations if you want things to go your way. Be careful; someone may be onto your tactics. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic relationships will form through clubs or social events. Your emotions may interfere with your perception if you've been carrying them around from past unpleasant unions. **

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FOOTBALL

Staying the course

Experienced veterans will help young defensive secondary

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

When the 2003 season began, the Irish defense on the field looked familiar.

Cornerback Shane Walton, strong safety Jerome Sapp and defensive end Ryan Roberts were lost to graduation, but the majority of a dominant defense remained in tact.

Still, a difference existed between the defense on the 10-3, 2002 Gator Bowl team and a 5-7 team in 2003.

"Two years ago... we would fly to the football to make plays," junior linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. "That kind of flying to the ball has everything to do with attitude. And that weaves — the attitude and hustle — through the entire defense."

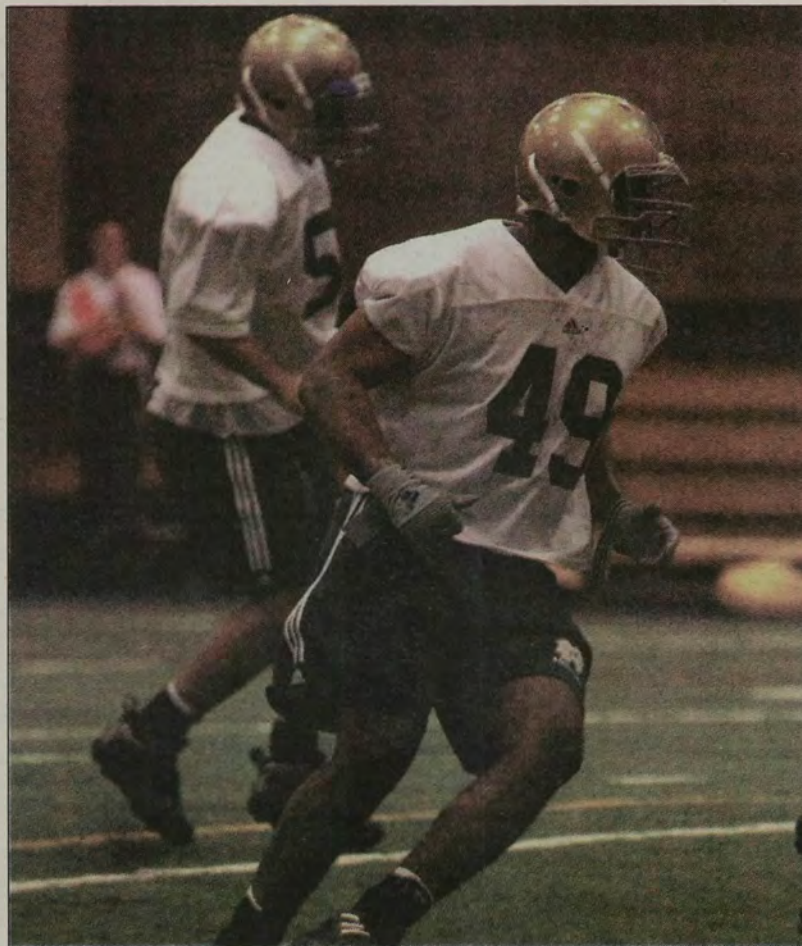
According to Hoyte, the defense lacked such an attitude last season.

"At the end of last season, I couldn't look at myself in the mirror and say I played to my potential," he said.

With six starters returning from last year's defensive unit and a young and athletic secondary, the Irish are looking to return to the form of 2002.

Returning defensive ends Kyle Budinsack and Justin Tuck are not practicing this spring as they recover from surgery, though fifth-year senior Greg Pauly also returns to the

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Linebacker Derek Curry participates in Monday's spring practice. The Irish linebackers will be the core of the defense in 2004.

Heisman winner Hornung's comments not a distraction

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

After day three of spring practice, the Irish were already answering questions about matters off the field.

Although Paul Hornung apologized Wednesday night for comments he made about Notre Dame's admission of athletes — particularly African-Americans — the initial statements made by the 1956 Hall of Famer have sparked questions and curiosity surrounding the football program.

Coach Tyrone Willingham maintained near-complete silence on the matter, prefacing any questions with a statement of his own.

"I am in complete agreement with what has already been said by the University," Willingham said.

Willingham discouraged any further questions on the matter and deflected a question concerning admissions later in the informal press conference.

University spokesman Matt Storin made a rare appearance at the press conference and stood to the side of Willingham during the interview.

Players had more to say on the matter, though no players — black or white — seemed affected by Hornung's comments.

"I don't really think anything of it," line-

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BASEBALL

Irish dominate Hillsdale

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri cleared his bench Thursday night, and the Irish reserves responded with a 10-2 victory over Hillsdale College.

"This is what's great about today," Mainieri said. "We got a chance to play several guys that don't play on a regular basis, and to see them go out there and do well is really what made me feel good. These kids are the unsung heroes on our team."

No. 5 Notre Dame (19-3) added the game with Hillsdale (8-15) earlier in the week to serve as a makeup for a canceled contest with Illinois March 14.

Outfielder Craig Cooper had the biggest day at the plate for the Irish, going 4-for-6 and falling just a double short of hitting for the cycle. The



Sophomore leftfielder Steve Andres hits a two-run home run against Hillsdale Thursday.

sophomore had three RBIs and two runs scored on the night. Center fielder Alex Nettey and designated hitter

Brent Weiss — who missed all of 2003 with a shoulder

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIII

Tournament set to begin this weekend

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

We May Suck At Life, But At Least We Can Play Basketball.

We Can't Ball, But More Than Half Of Us Are Going To Med School.

Our First Name Got Rejected (It Was Funny).

These teams and the other would-be-ballers on the campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will dust off their Bookstore shoes this weekend for the opening rounds of Bookstore Basketball XXXIII, which begins tonight.

"There are about 600 teams in this year's tournament," said Colin Harding, head commissioner. "It's pretty high, the highest number I remember in the last few years."

Preliminary rounds begin this evening and continue through

the weekend.

"We have so many teams that we sort of have a preliminary to the first round," said Harding. "It's all random for all but the 32 ranked teams."

Rankings — for Bookstore Basketball?

"The teams that do well in previous years tend to stick together," Harding said. "They come back and we usually rank them — chances are they're pretty good... [but] there's no exact science to it"

The team of commissioners also helps decide the lucky 32 who receive a first-round bye.

"They're typically guys and girls who spend a lot of time playing basketball at Rolf's," Harding said. "They know who's pretty good and who's playing together come Bookstore time ... they're pretty vital when it

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S LAX
Notre Dame at Connecticut
Saturday, 12 p.m.
The Irish take on the Huskies in a Big East matchup.
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SMC SOFTBALL
Saint Mary's vs. Adrian
Saturday, 1 p.m.
In a key MIAA game, the Belles face a tough opponent.
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MEN'S LAX
Notre Dame vs. Dartmouth
Sunday, 1 p.m.
The Irish can't overlook the unranked Big Green.
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ROWING
San Diego Crew Classic
The No. 20 Irish send two boats to compete in races this weekend.
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MEN'S TENNIS
Notre Dame at Virginia Tech
Sunday, 12 p.m.
The Irish will look to end the Hokies' winning streak.
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF
Senior Rebecca Rogers cracks into the lineup as the Irish travel to the Indiana Invitational this weekend.
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